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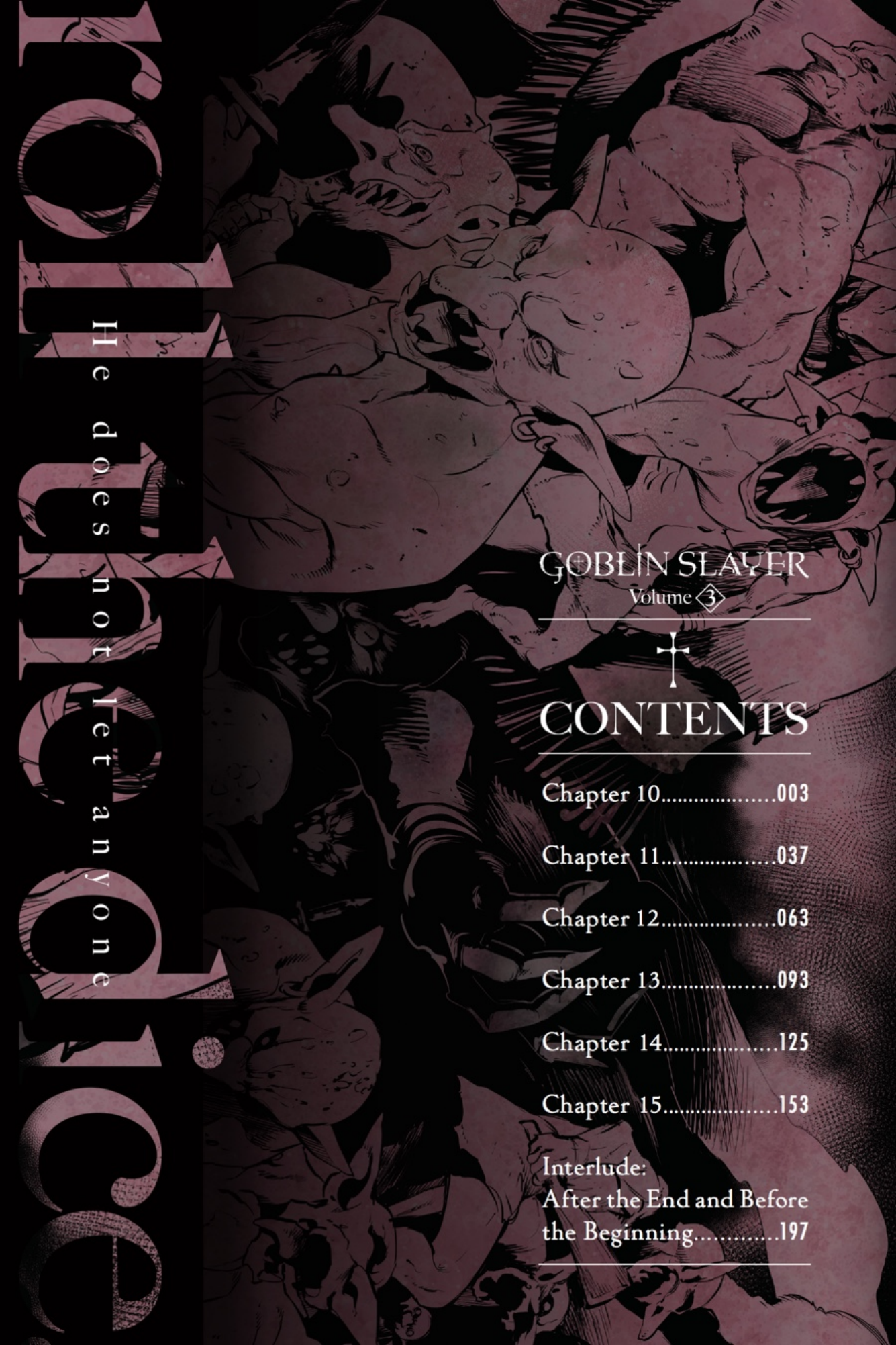

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He does not let anyone

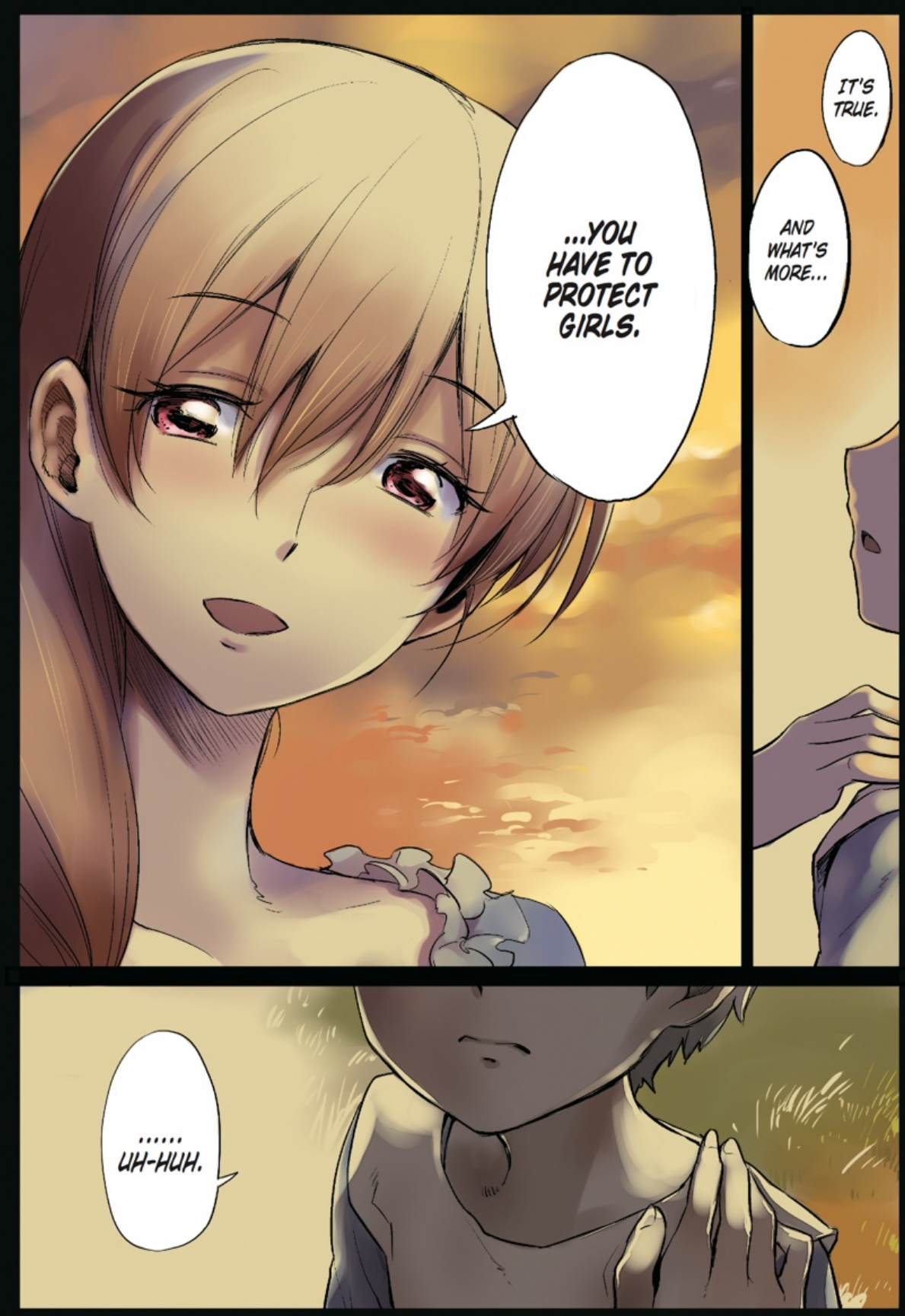
SHE'S GOING TO VISIT THE CITY.

THAT WHEN YOU ENVY SOMEONE...
...YOU BECOME A GOBLIN?

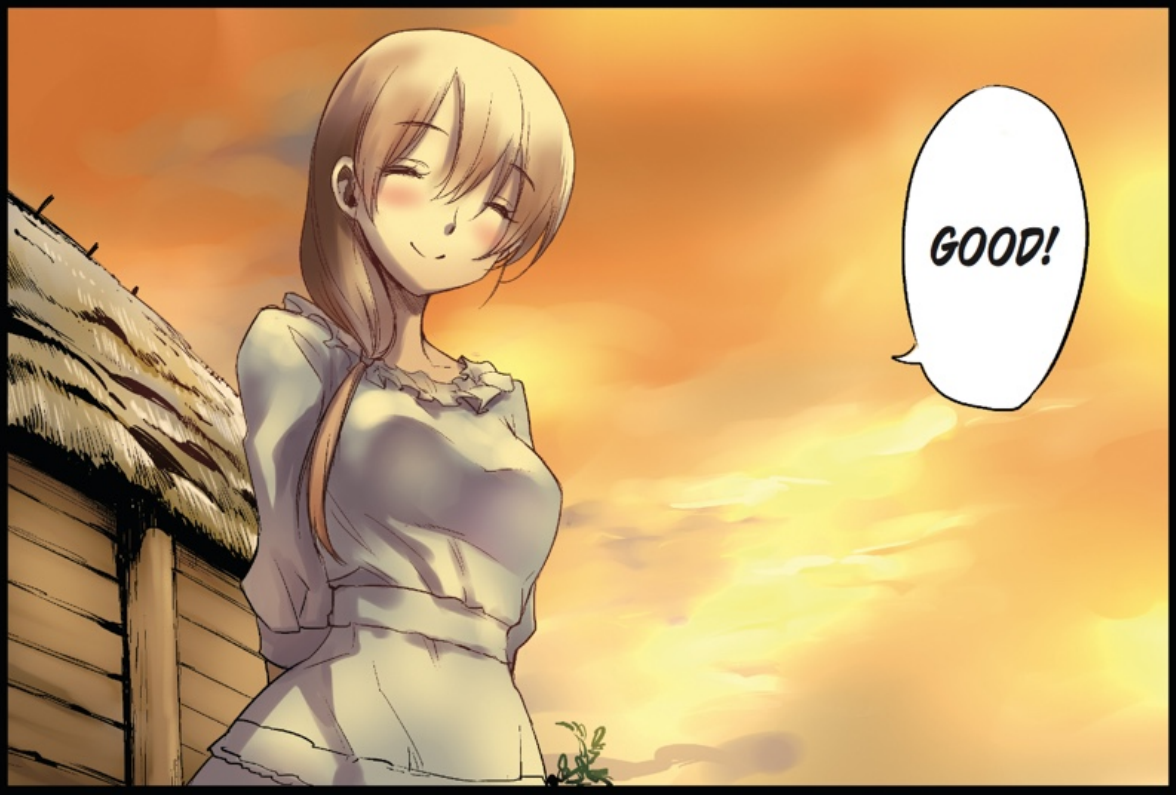
BUT...
...YOU KNOW, RIGHT?

YOU HEARD THAT...

...AND GOT JEALOUS, DIDN'T YOU?


...YOU HAVE TO PROTECT GIRLS.
IT'S TRUE.
AND WHAT'S MORE...
.....
UH-HUH.

CHAPTER 10


GOOD!

LET'S GO HOME AND EAT, THEN.
TODAY... LET'S SEE. HOW ABOUT STEW?
IT'S ONE OF YOUR FAVORITES, RIGHT?
UH-HUH...

MMRM
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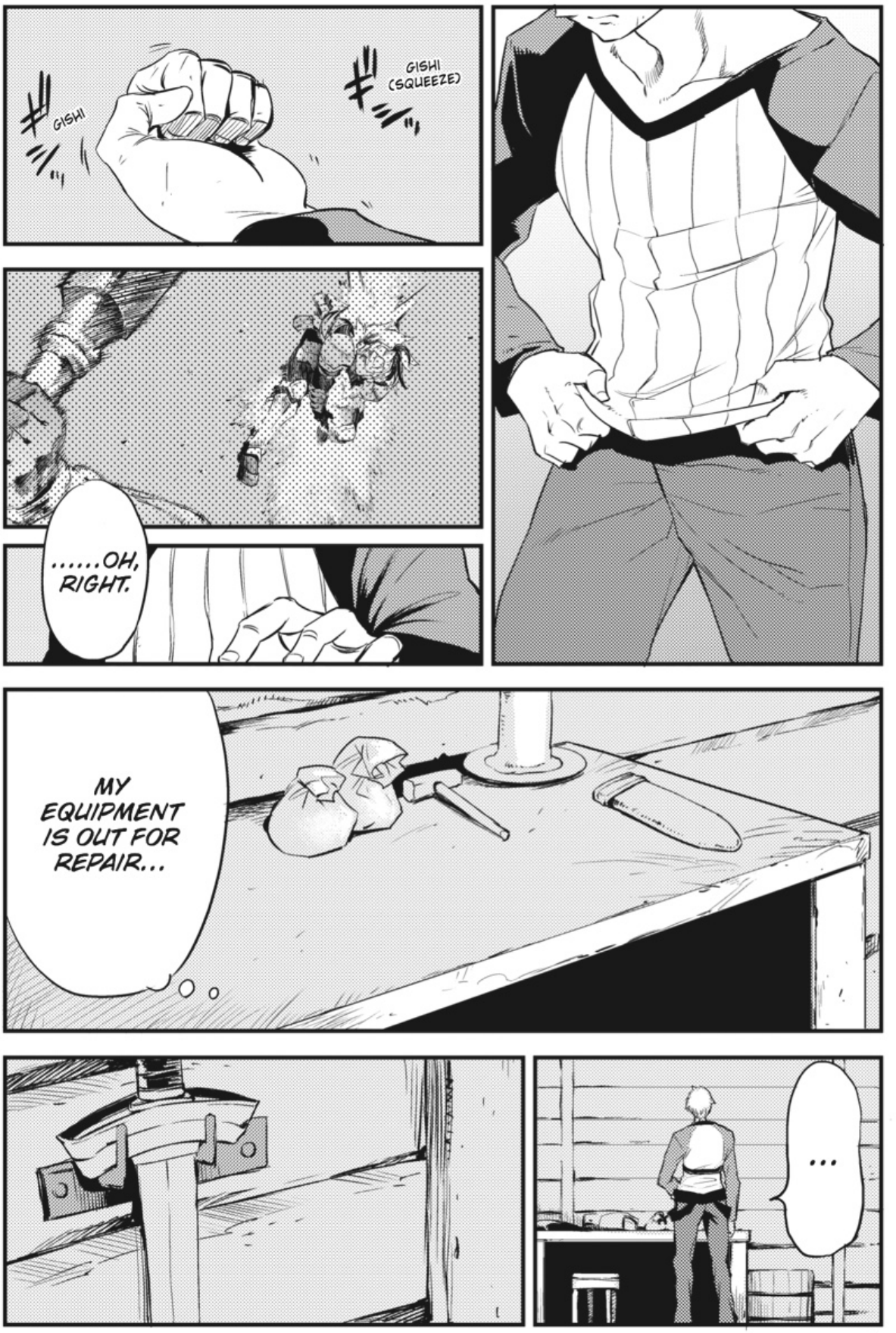
GISHI
GISHI (SQUEEZE)
.....OH, RIGHT.
MY EQUIPMENT IS OUT FOR REPAIR...
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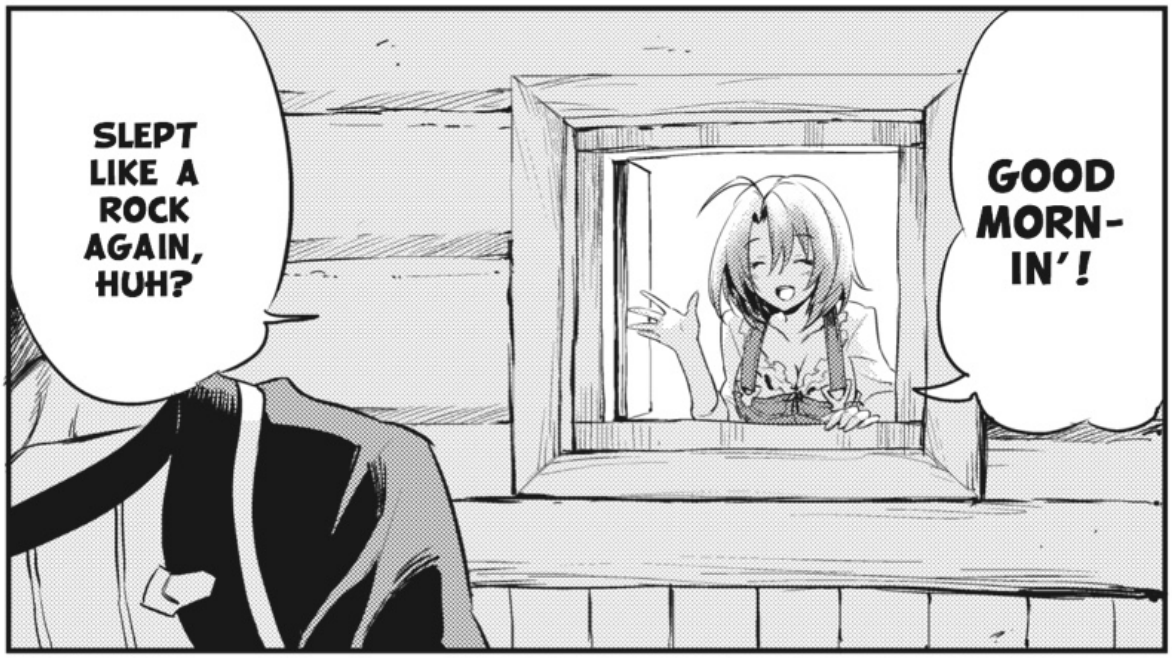
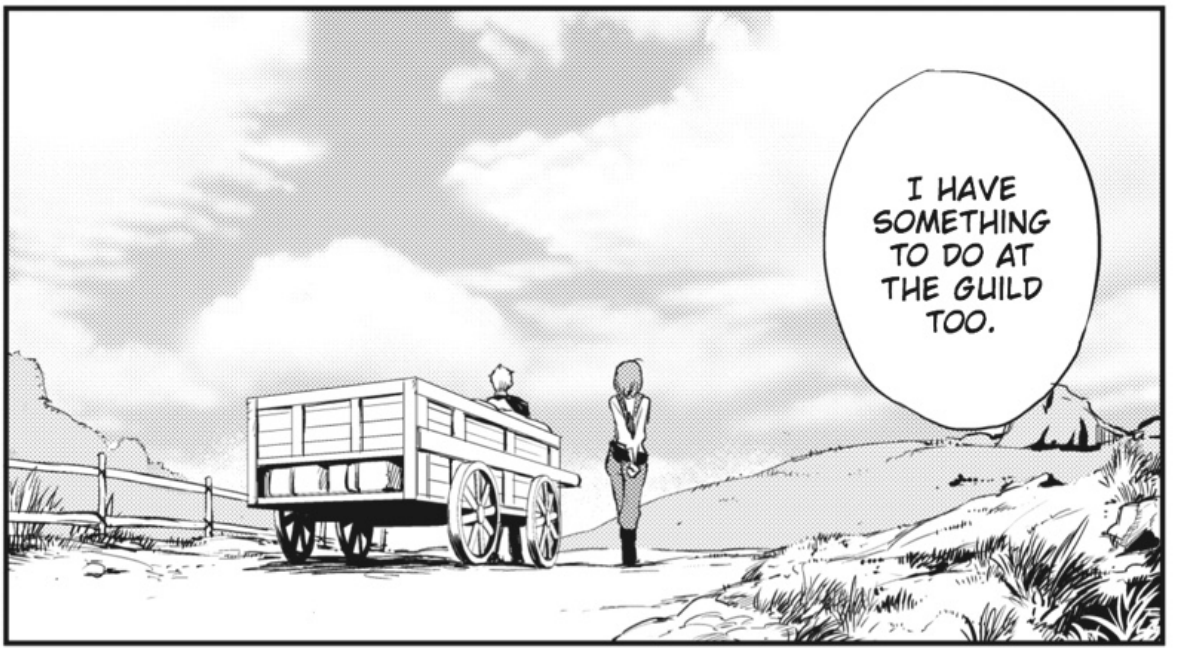
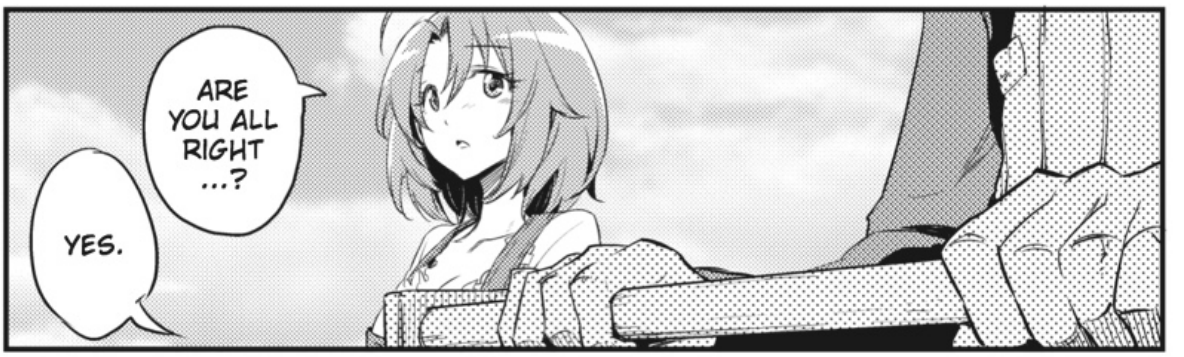

GOOD MORN-IN'!
SLEPT LIKE A ROCK AGAIN, HUH?

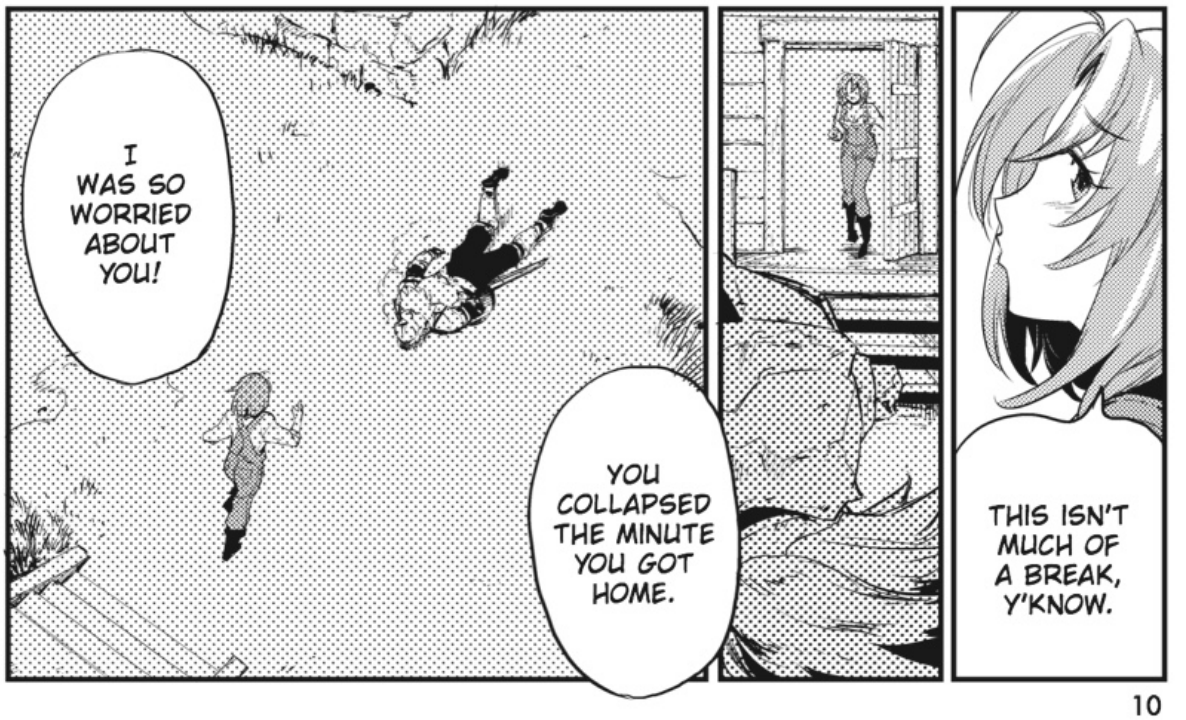
SORRY. I OVER-SLEPT.
NAH, IT'S FINE.
YOU DON'T GET TOO MANY BREAKS.

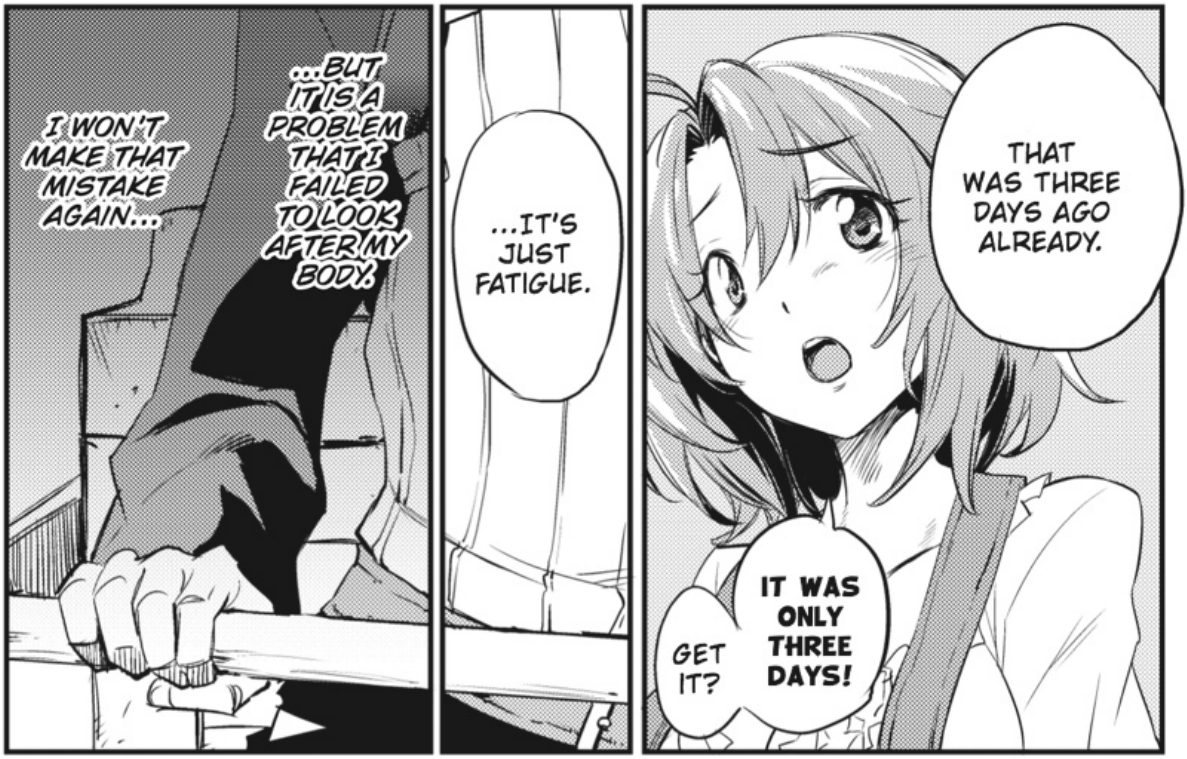
...WILL YOU MAKE DELIVERIES TO THE GUILD AGAIN TODAY?
HUH?
YEAH.

YOU MUST BE HUNGRY.
I'LL HAVE BREAKFAST READY IN A JIFFY!
SURE.

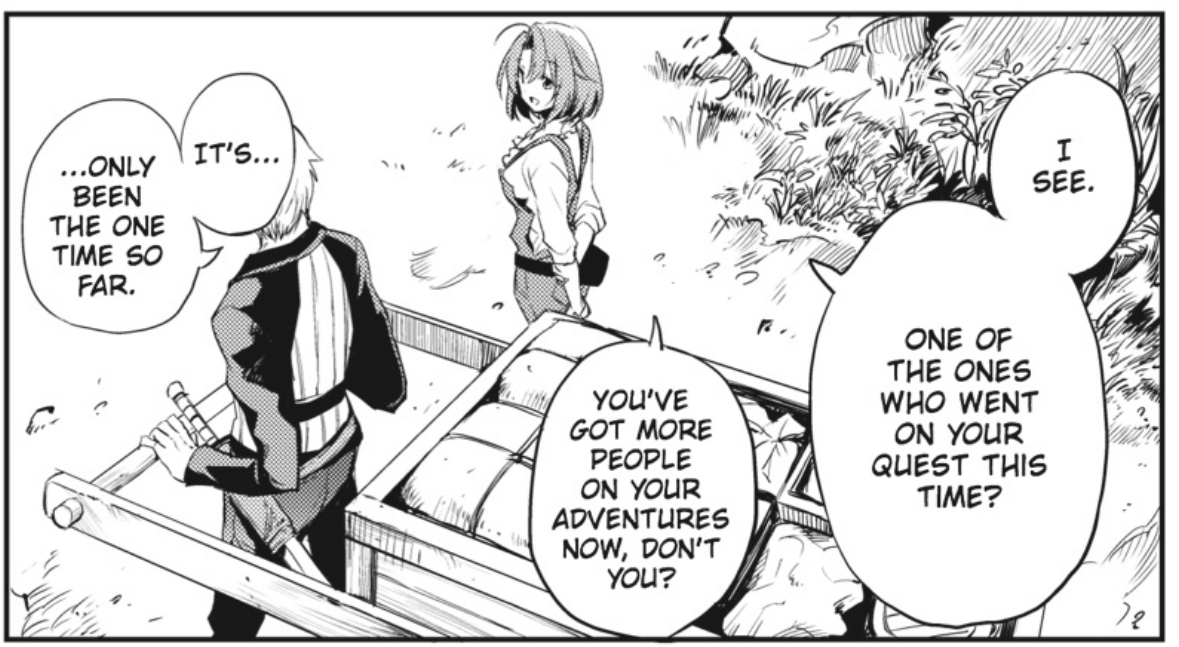

I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO AT THE GUILD TOO.

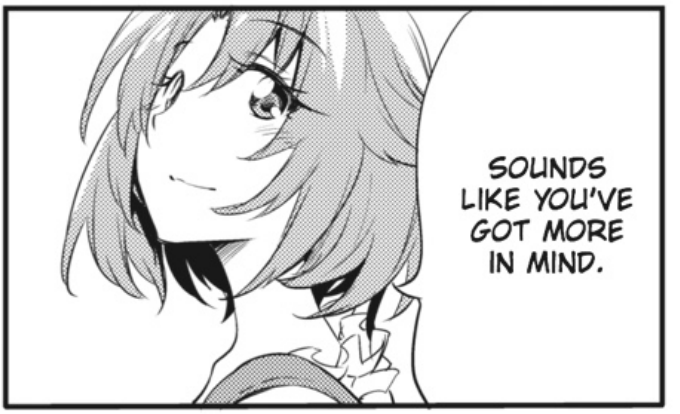

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ...?
YES.

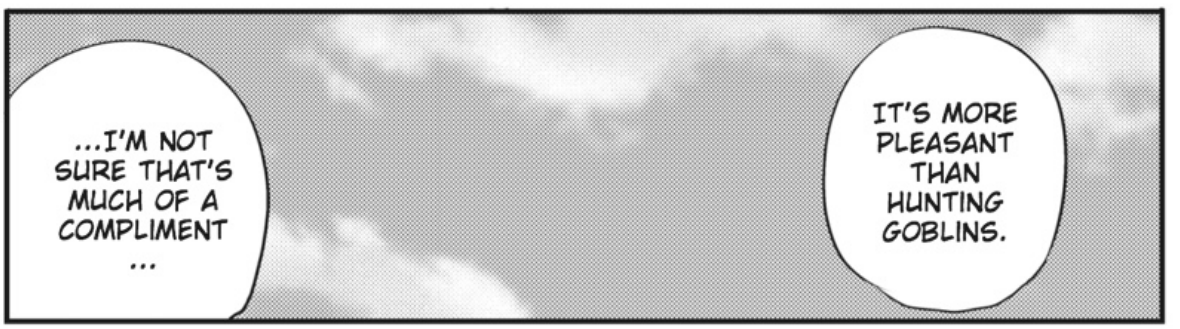

I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
YOU COLLAPSED THE MINUTE YOU GOT HOME.
THIS ISN'T MUCH OF A BREAK, Y'KNOW.

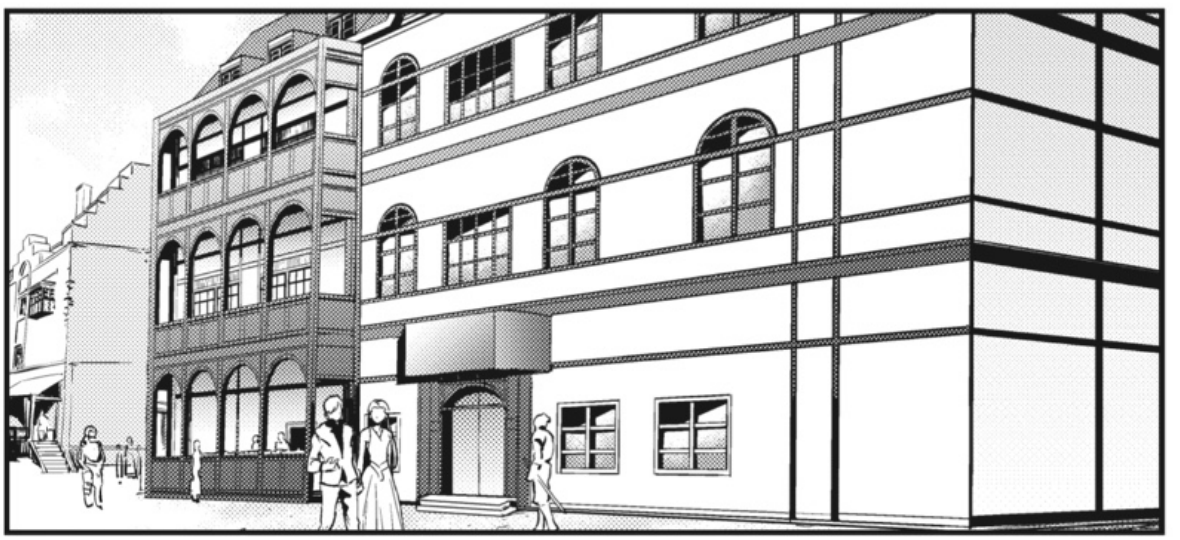

I WON'T MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN...
...BUT IT IS A PROBLEM THAT I FAILED TO LOOK AFTER MY BODY.
...IT'S JUST FATIGUE.
THAT WAS THREE DAYS AGO ALREADY.
IT WAS ONLY THREE DAYS!
GET IT?

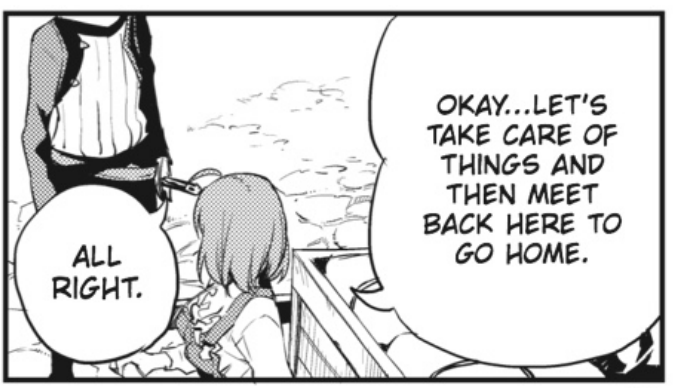
ANOTHER ADVENTUR-ER'S.
NO.
IS THAT YOUR PRIESTESS'S DIAGNOSIS?


...ONLY BEEN THE ONE TIME SO FAR.
IT'S...
I SEE.
ONE OF THE ONES WHO WENT ON YOUR QUEST THIS TIME?
YOU'VE GOT MORE PEOPLE ON YOUR ADVENTURES NOW, DON'T YOU?


SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT MORE IN MIND.


IT'S MORE PLEASANT THAN HUNTING GOBLINS.
...I'M NOT SURE THAT'S MUCH OF A COMPLIMENT ...




OKAY...LET'S TAKE CARE OF THINGS AND THEN MEET BACK HERE TO GO HOME.
ALL RIGHT.

UH... SORRY... WHO ARE YOU AGAIN?
AN ADVEN-TURER, RIGHT?
COULD I SEE YOUR TAG...?
ARE THE REPAIRS I REQUESTED DONE?

NOSO (PLOD)
OH, BACK, ARE YEH?
GOBLIN SLAYER.
WH— WHAT !?
THAT'S HIM!?
THE REPAIRS ARE DONE.
I'LL BRING 'EM RIGHT OUT.
...
WHAT?
... NOTH-ING...
OH ...!
YO!
GOT WHAT I ASKED FOR?

SURE.
LET ME GET IT.
YESSIR, IT'S HERE!

SO YOU MUST'VE COME TO PICK UP SOME EQUIPMENT YOU WERE HAVING REPAIRED?
YES.
ARE YOU HEADED TO THE CAPITAL TO MAKE SOME MONEY TOO?

YOU'RE AWFULLY PASTY FOR SOMEONE SO BUILT.
...DON'T RECOGNIZE YOUR FACE...
NO.
YOU NEW AROUND HERE?

NAH.
I ONLY FIGHT FOR MYSELF.

"SAVE THE WORLD," THEY SAY. "MAKE YOUR NAME," THEY SAY!
THEY'VE GOT A RESURRECTED DEMON GOD THERE OR SOMETHING.
...AND YOU? NOT INTERESTED?

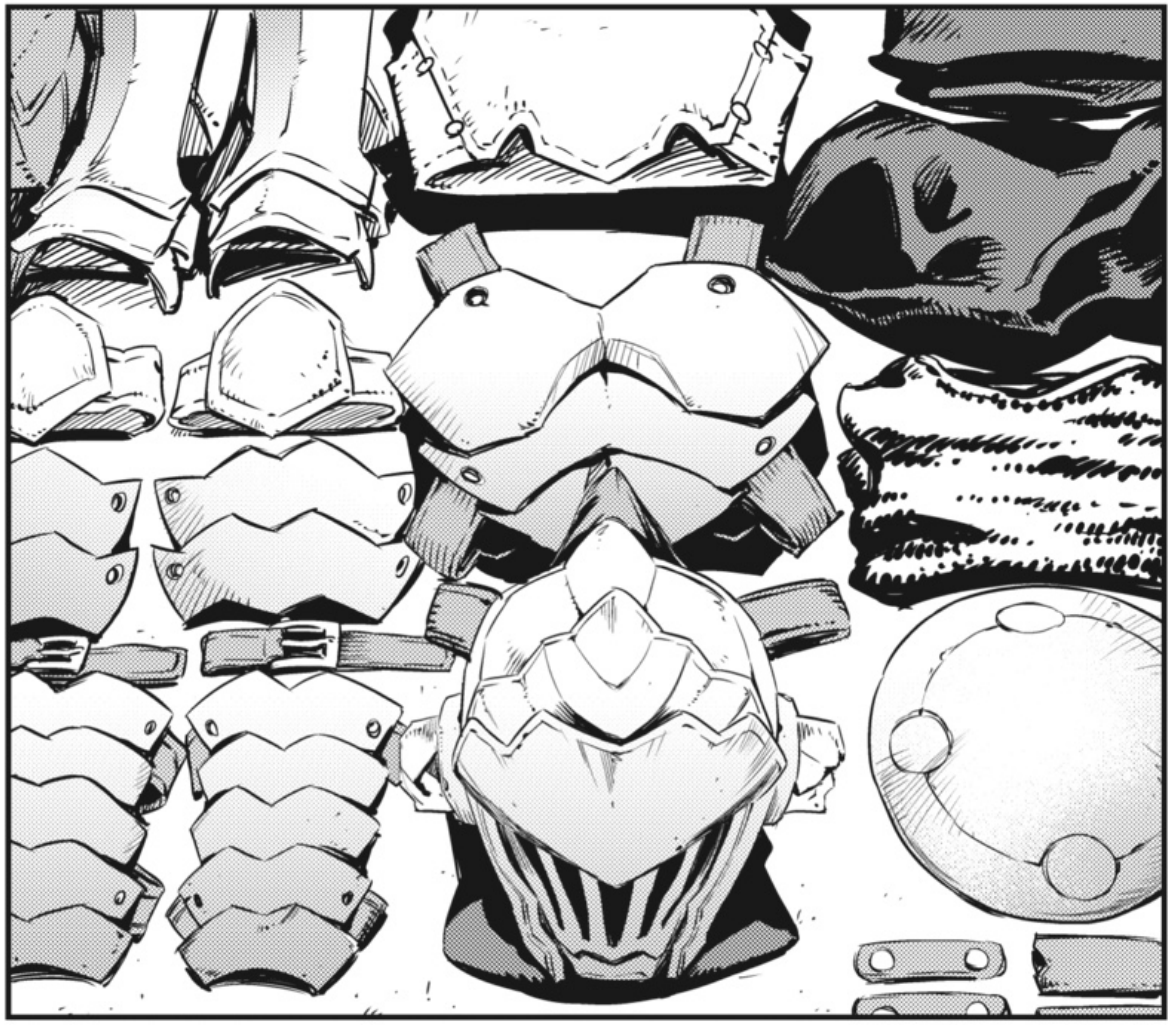
...NO.
THAT SO?
SOUNDS LIKE YOU DON'T CARE IF IT'S FOR MONEY OR PEACE OR WHATEVER.

PERSONAL REASONS.
I DON'T ...
...NEED SOME BEAUTIFUL CAUSE.
IS THAT SO?
IT SURE IS.

SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
NO PROB. IT'S A BIG HELP.

SEE YA. I'VE GOT A DATE IN SOME RUINS.
WISH ME LUCK!
GOOD LUCK.

WHAT ...
... WERE ...
...TALKING ABOUT?
...YOU TWO...
NOTHING IMPORTANT.
HE DIDN'T SEEM REAL FRIENDLY.
NOT THAT I'M AGAINST GUYS LIKE THAT.



SHOULD BE FINE, BUT TRY IT ON TO BE SURE.
I CAN ADJUST IT.
WON'T EVEN CHARGE YEH.

IF YOU'RE SORRY, BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL WITH MY WORK.
I TRY TO.
...IRONY'S LOST ON YEH, HUH?

YEH MAKE A LOT OF ORDERS, BUT IT'S ALWAYS CHEAP STUFF. BAH.
JUST MAKES MORE WORK FOR ME.
SORRY.

IT REALLY IS GOBLIN SLAYER...
OH YEAH. WERE YOU ABLE TO GET ANY SCROLLS?
NAW.
KOKI (CRICK)
コキ
I TOOK YOUR MONEY, SO I'LL GET YEH ONE...
...BUT THEY'RE RARE.
NO TELLING WHEN ONE'LL COME THROUGH.
ズゆっ
GYU (TUG)
HEY, BOSS.
HE'S A SILVER-RANKED ADVENTURER, RIGHT?
WHY DOES HE WEAR SUCH NORMAL ARMOR?
AND WOULDN'T AN ENCHANTED SWORD DO HIM MORE GOOD THAN A SCROLL...?
I KNOW.
THAT'S FINE.

...WOULD USE AN ENCHANTED SWORD AGAINST GOBLINS!
HEH! ONLY A MUNCHKIN...
HE KNOWS HIS BUSINESS WELL.
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
YES.
WHAT IS IT?
OH ...!
UM!
L—
GOBLIN SLAYER!
IT'S ...!
LOOK AT THIS!

IN THE RUINS THE OTHER DAY.....?
...OGRE?

...MAYBE THAT EXPEDITION HAD MEANING AFTER ALL, THEN.
..... GOOD FOR YOU.

I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED WHETHER I HAD ENOUGH EXPERIENCE, BUT THAT BATTLE WITH THE OGRE WAS WORTH A LOT...

OBSIDI-AN...
YOU MOVED UP FROM TENTH RANK TO NINTH.
YES! I'VE BEEN PROMOTED!

YES!
AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, GOBLIN SLAYER!

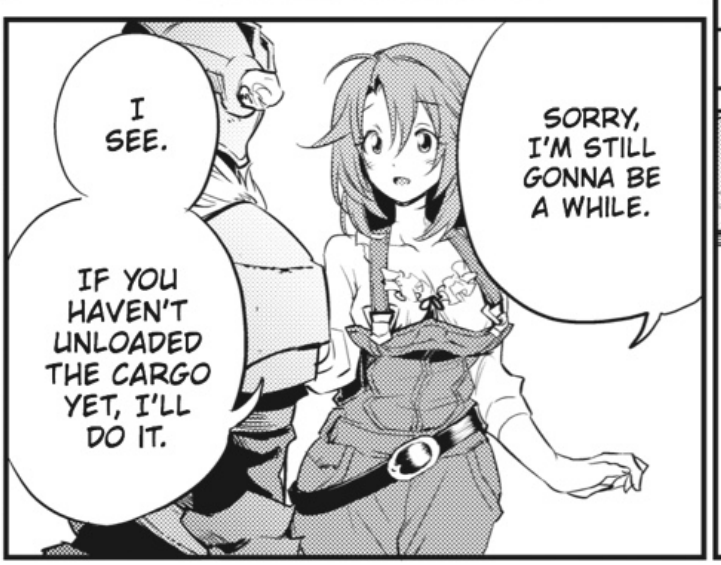
NO...

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE!
WHEN WE FIRST MET, YOU SAVED ME, DIDN'T YOU?
BUT...
...YOUR COMPANIONS WERE KILLED.
BUT ...
Y-YES ...
...EVEN SO, YOU DID SAVE ME.
AND I WANTED TO BE SURE TO THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

DONE EVERY-THING YOU NEED TO DO?
OH.

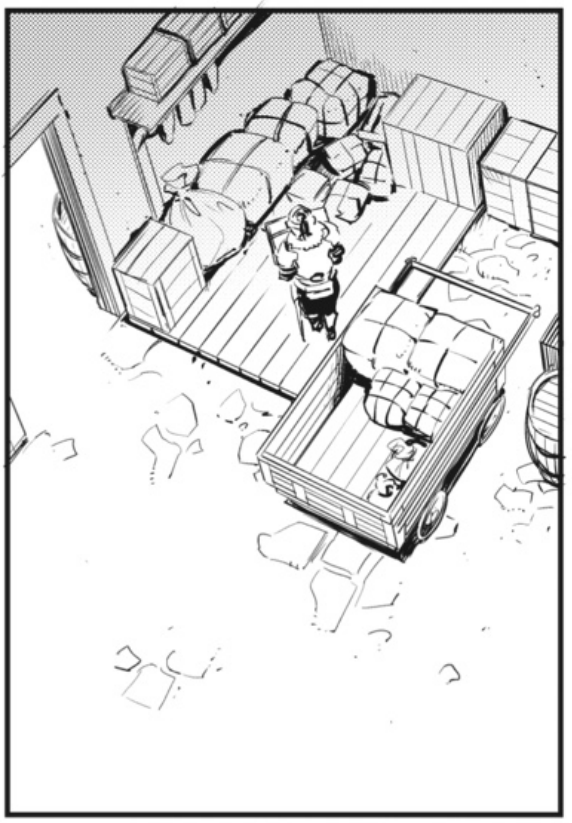
I HAVE TO GO TO THE TEMPLE TO MAKE MY REPORT NOW.

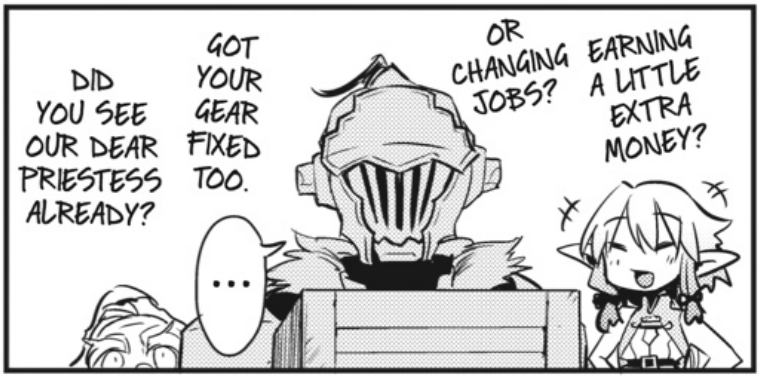

SORRY, I'M STILL GONNA BE A WHILE.
I SEE.
IF YOU HAVEN'T UNLOADED THE CARGO YET, I'LL DO IT.

OH HO!

I TOLD YOU I HEARD ORCBOLG'S FOOTSTEPS.

BEARD-CUTTER! SHOULD YOU BE UP AND ABOUT YET?





HOW PERFECT!
PAY FOR IT AT THE GUILD.
AH YES!
SO I SHALL!

OH-HO!!

AHH, SWEET NECTAR!
A GOLD COIN WOULD NOT BE TOO DEAR A PRICE!
LET'S PAIR IT WITH A GLASS OF MY FIRE WINE.
HEH HEH!

H-HEY!

...NOW WHAT IS IT?
LOOK, UH, WE...
RIGHT NOW?
WE'RE EXPLORING THESE RUINS.

HE'S SO SERIOUS.
IS THAT SO?
MIGHT BE A GOOD WAY FOR HIM TO LET OFF SOME STEAM.

TRUE ENOUGH.
SO WE MIGHT...
WE MIGHT ASK FOR...
...FOR YOUR HELP.
BUT OUR PARTY...
...Y'KNOW?
WE DON'T HAVE ANY FRONTLINE TYPES, RIGHT?
I SEE.
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
!!
YOU DO THAT!!
RIGHT!
SURE!

!

ALMOST DONE.

WHAT ARE YOU, ASLEEP !?
CAREFUL WITH THAT SWING!!

OOF !
DO (THUMP)

WHAT WAS THAT!? YOU COULDN'T EVEN KILL A GOBLIN WITH THOSE SKILLS!

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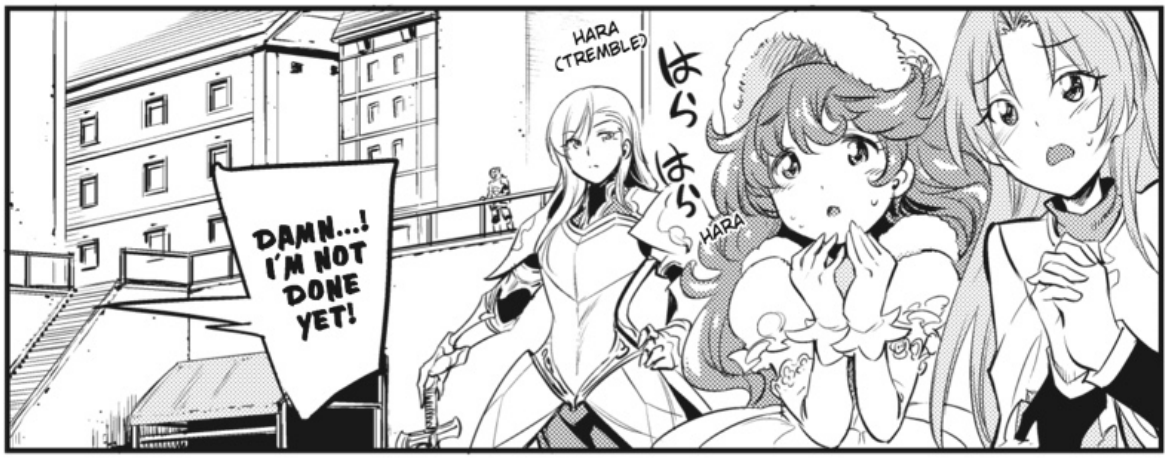
HARA (TREMBLE)
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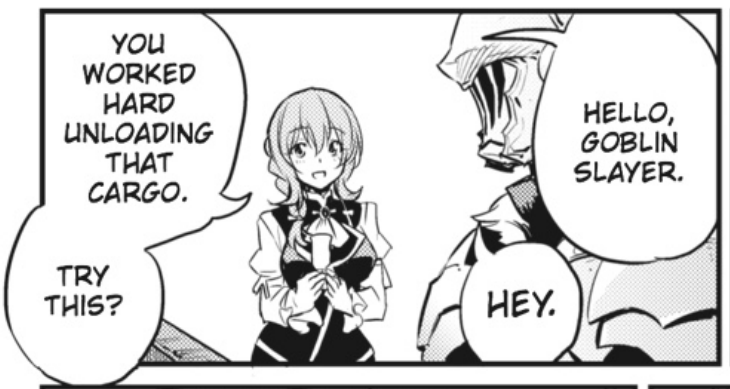
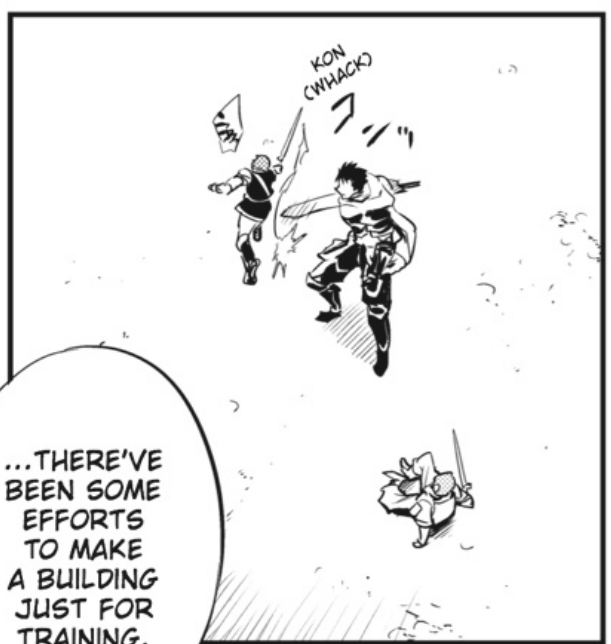
HARA
DAMN...! I'M NOT DONE YET!


YOU WORKED HARD UNLOADING THAT CARGO.
TRY THIS?
HELLO, GOBLIN SLAYER.
HEY.

I GATHER HE SOMETIMES HELPS TRAIN THE NEWBIES LIKE THAT.

LATELY ...

IT'S GOT LEMON AND HONEY IN IT.
IT SHOULD HELP WITH ANY LINGERING EXHAUS-TION.
GUI (GRAB)


KON (WHACK)
...THERE'VE BEEN SOME EFFORTS TO MAKE A BUILDING JUST FOR TRAINING.

I SEE ...
MIGHT MAKE A GOOD FIELD RATION.

A LOT OF OUR NEWCOMERS DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, RIGHT?
WE COULD HIRE RETIRED ADVENTURERS ...
...TEACH THEM HOW TO FIGHT OR BASIC ADVENTURING KNOWLEDGE ...

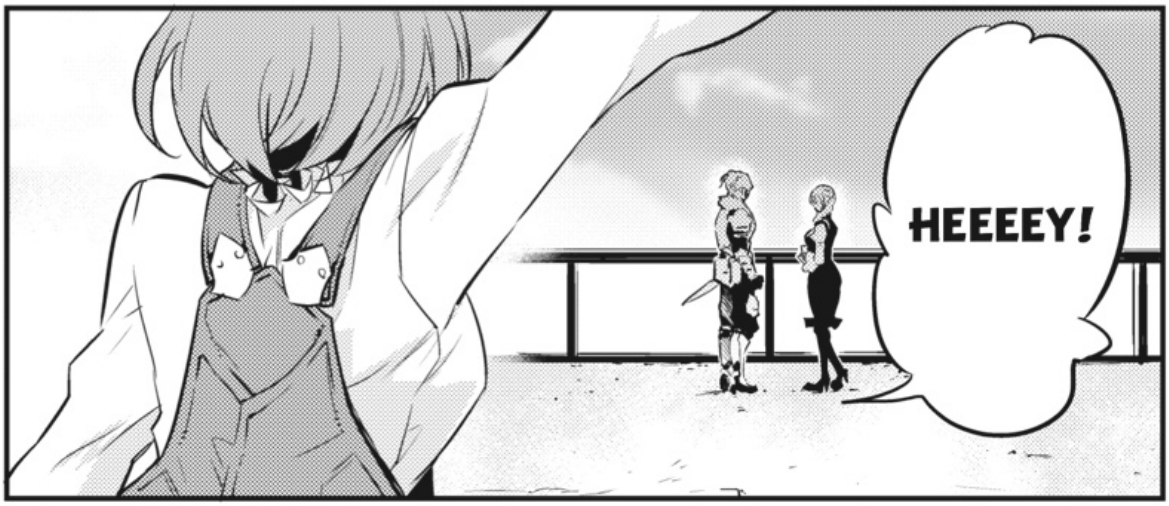
AND MAYBE KNOWING JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING MORE...
...WOULD HELP MORE OF THEM COME BACK ALIVE...

IS THAT SO?
YES, IT IS.

THAT, AND...
...EVEN AFTER YOU RETIRE, YOU STILL HAVE A LOT OF LIFE LEFT TO LIVE.
SO I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR EVERYONE!

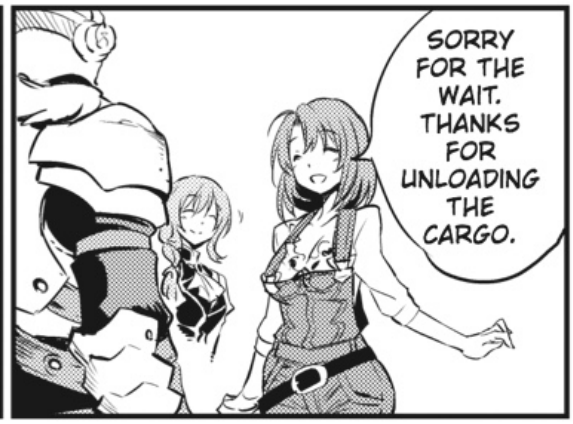
I WON'T GIVE YOU ANY MORE QUESTS UNTIL YOU'RE RESTED.
AND NEXT TIME YOU COLLAPSE, NO ADVENTURES FOR SIX MONTHS.
ERK ...
SO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, GOBLIN SLAYER.

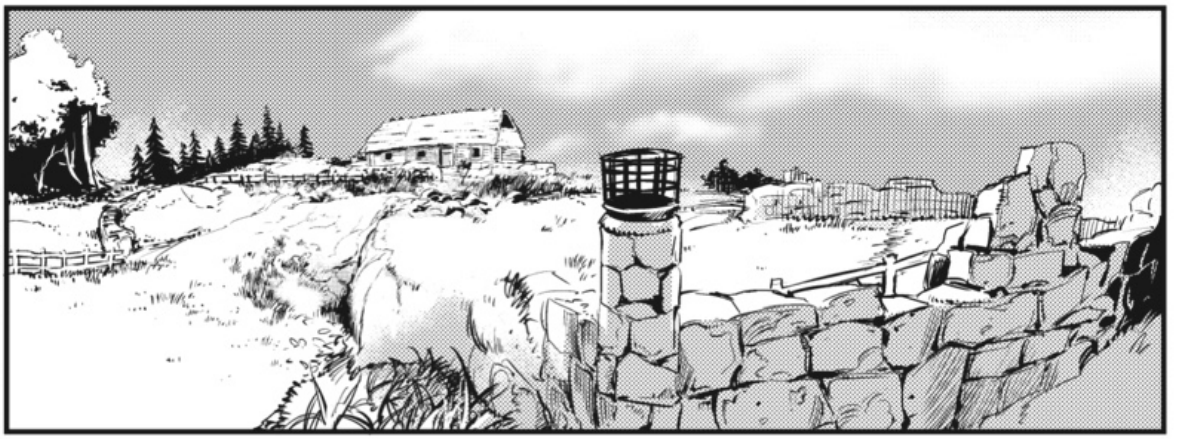
WOULDN'T IT, THOUGH? SO BE SURE TO HEAL UP!
THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.

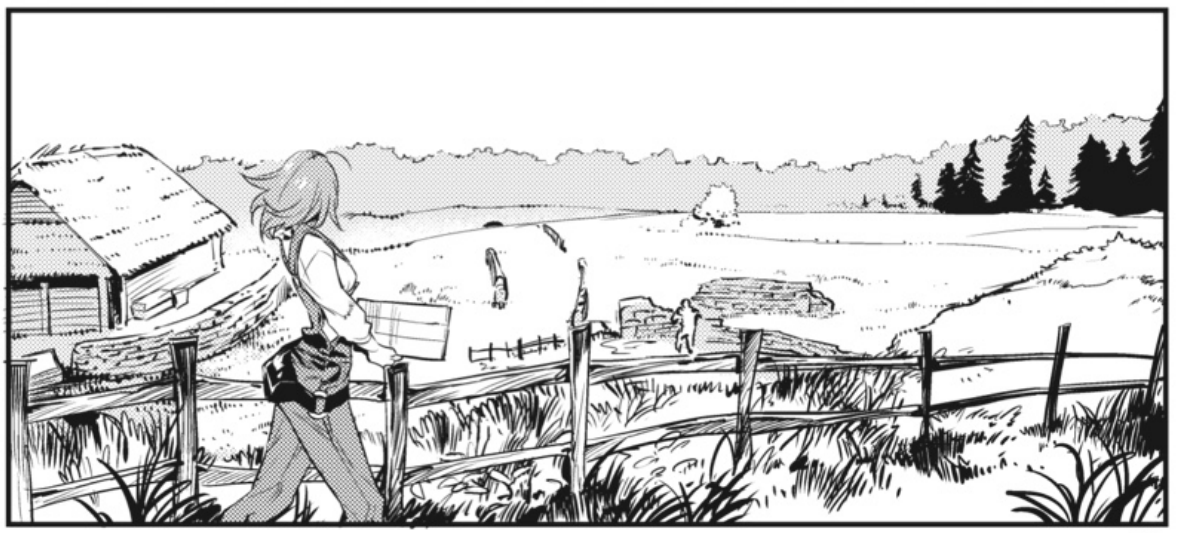

HEEEEY!

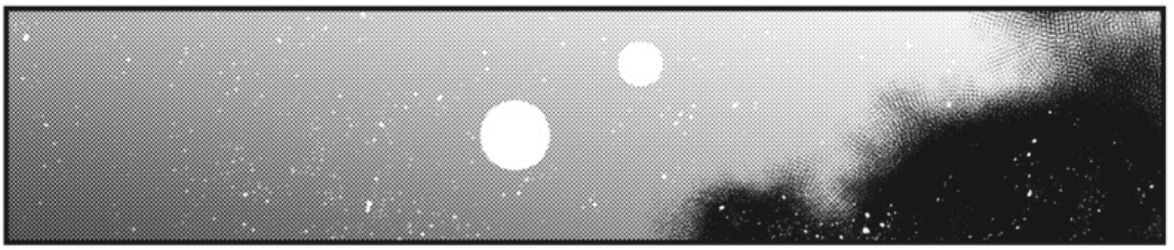
LET'S GO!

HEADING HOME?
UH-HUH.


SORRY FOR THE WAIT. THANKS FOR UNLOADING THE CARGO.





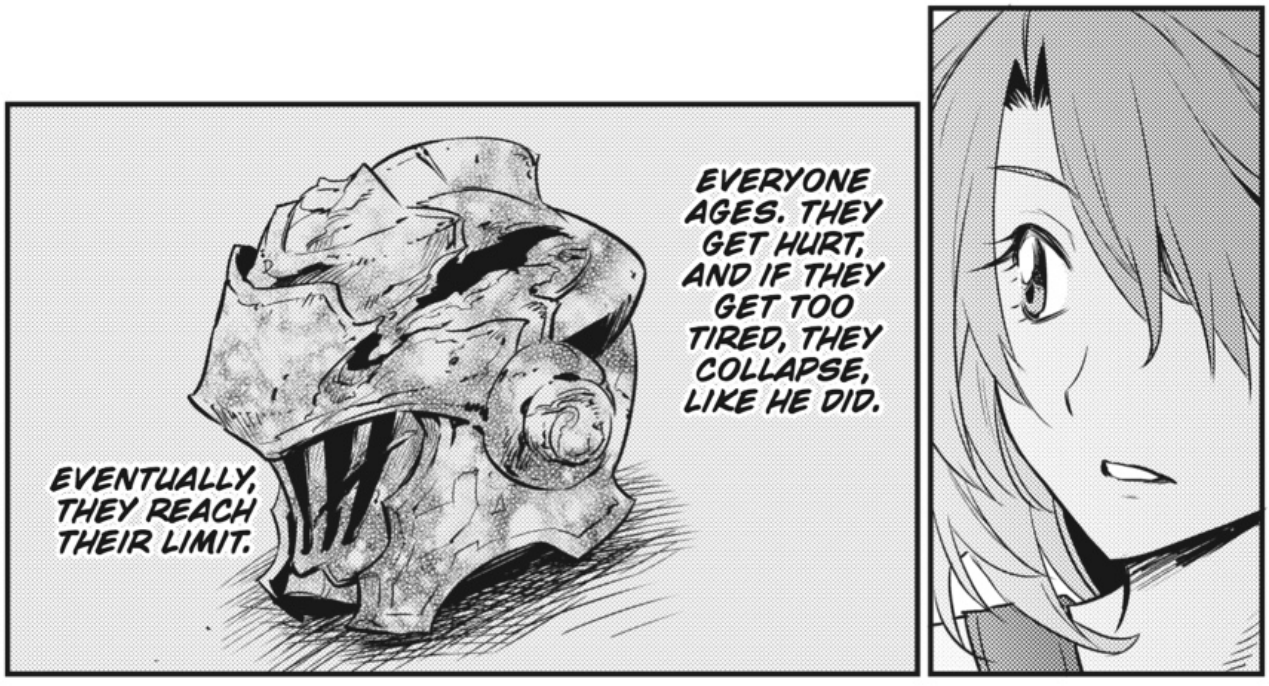


OOPS, CAUGHT ME...
WHAT IS IT?

SAKU (CRUNCH)

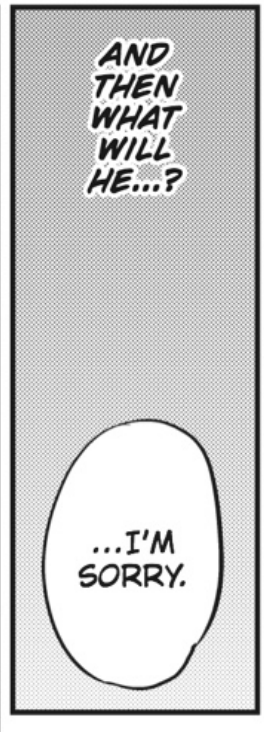
PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS?
..... ABOUT BEFORE—

I WANTED TO TELL YOU DINNER'S READY.


EVERYONE AGES. THEY GET HURT, AND IF THEY GET TOO TIRED, THEY COLLAPSE, LIKE HE DID.
EVENTUALLY, THEY REACH THEIR LIMIT.

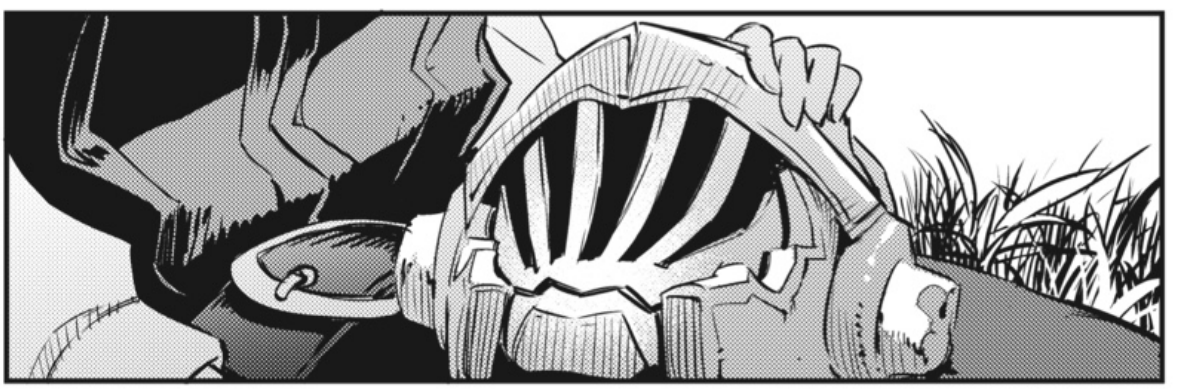
...ONE DAY, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO KILL GOBLINS ANYMORE...
EVEN IF HE SURVIVES HIS BATTLES...

.....
FOR WHAT?


AND THEN WHAT WILL HE...?
...I'M SORRY.

OH... NOTHING.
NOTHING AT ALL.
...YOU'RE A STRANGE ONE.
GUI (GRAB)
YEAH.
IS THAT SO?
IT'S OKAY.
...THE OIL WILL GET ON YOU.
I'M GOING TO WASH IT ANYWAY.

LET'S JUST TAKE OUR TIME... AND THINK.

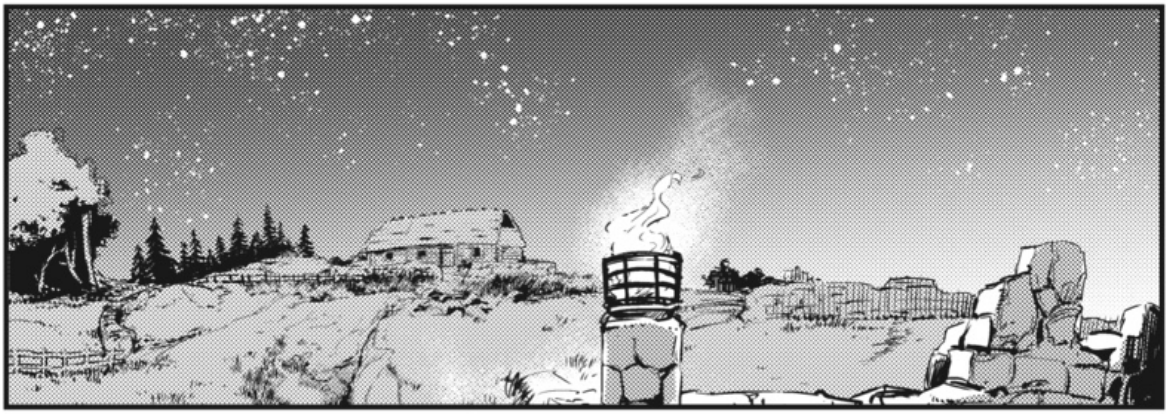


TAKE OUR TIME...

...?

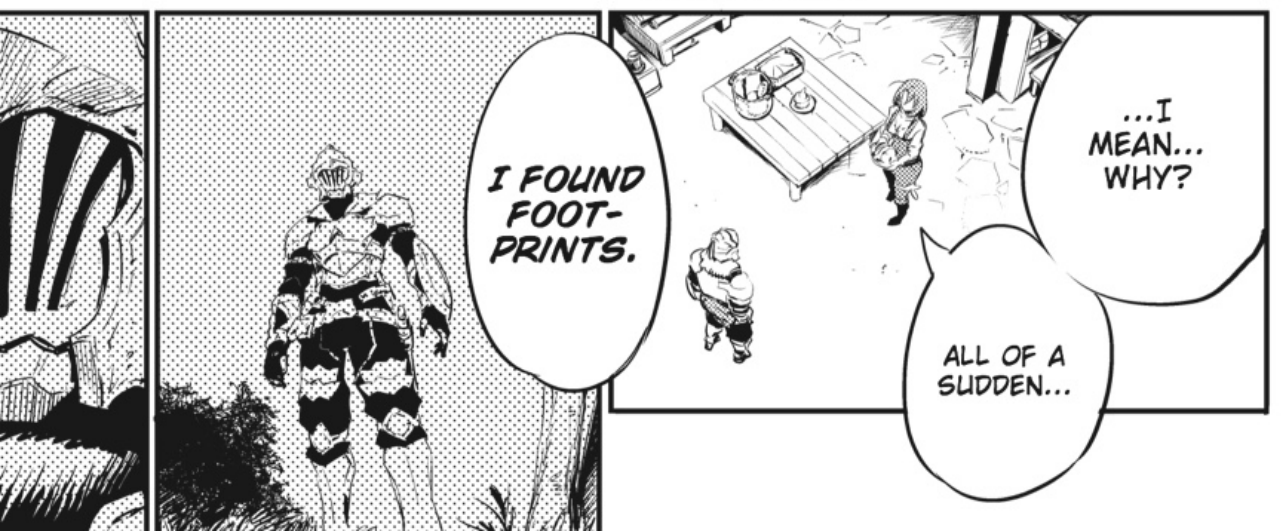
MM.

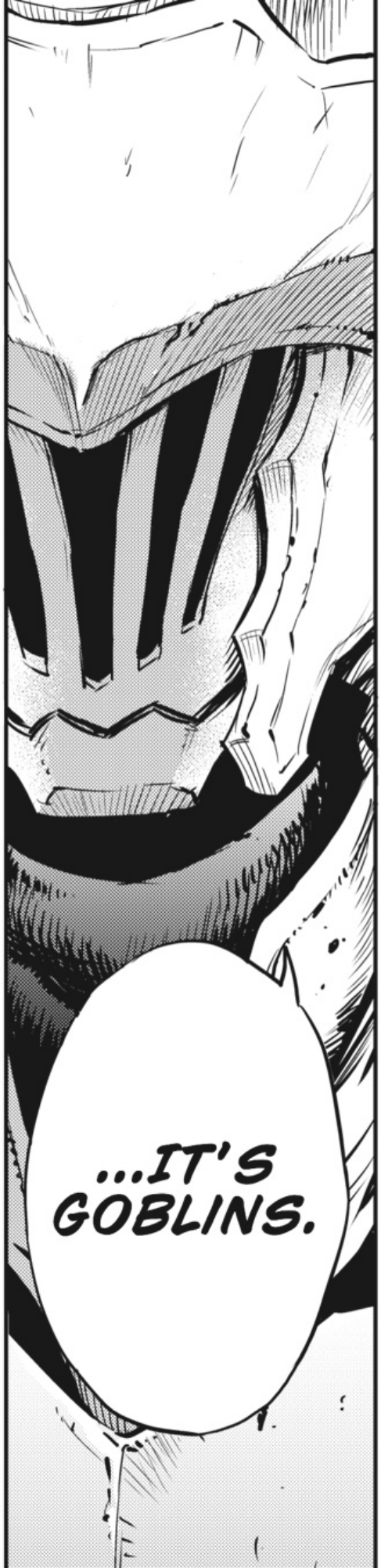
WE DON'T HAVE TO RUSH.



ZON
(BAAAD)
PREPARE
YOURSELVES!

RUN.




...IT'S GOBLINS.

CHAPTER 11

IN A CAVE, I COULD FACE A HUNDRED GOBLINS...
...AND I WOULD FIND A WAY TO WIN.
BUT ...
RIGHT ...?
AW, BUT CAN'T YOU HANDLE THEM?
NO...I CAN'T.
...THIS TIME, THEY'RE COMING HERE.
POSSIBLY TODAY.
A HORDE, MORE THAN A HUNDRED OF THEM, BENT ON BLOODSHED.

WHY... WOULD THEY... COME HERE...?
CHANCES ARE THEY MEAN TO USE THIS PLACE AS A BASE TO ATTACK THE TOWN.
A GOBLIN... HORDE...
...TO DEFEND AGAINST SO MANY ON A FLAT PLAIN...
THAT'D BE... IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.
I AM NO PLATINUM RANK.
.....I AM...
...NO HERO.

YEAH, BUT I'M SORRY.

I'M NOT GONNA RUN.

I... I SEE.

IT'S ALL TRUE, HUH?

YES.

YOU'VE DECIDED?

...ALL RIGHT, THEN.

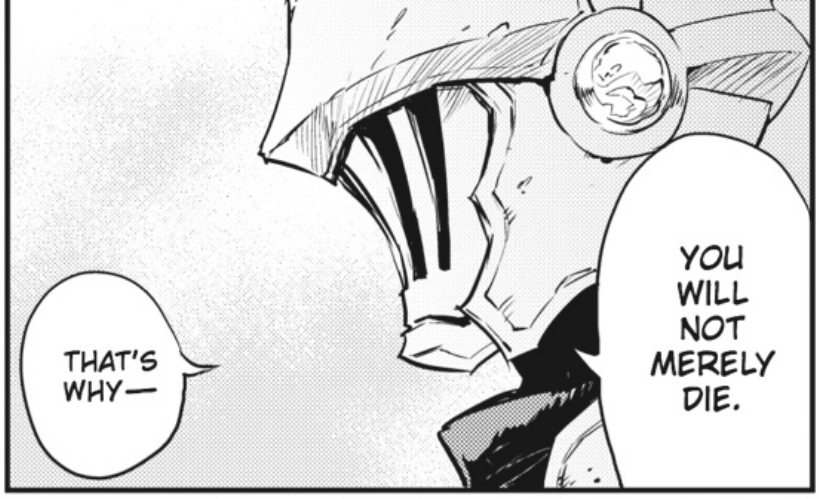
.....!

I MEAN ...

YOU'RE GOING TO STAY...

... AREN'T YOU?

I KNEW IT. YOU GO SILENT WHEN YOU'RE CORNERED. YOU ALWAYS HAVE.


YOU WILL NOT MERELY DIE.
THAT'S WHY—

THAT'S WHY...
...I WON'T GO.

THAT DAY...
...I WAS WATCHING.

YOU KNOW .....?

WE'D JUST ...
...LOSE ANOTHER PLACE...
...TO CALL HOME...
YOU...
...AND ME...
I CAN'T.....
A-AND ANYWAY!
EVEN IF WE GOT AWAY, WHAT ABOUT THE ANIMALS?

I'M REALLY SORRY.

I KNOW IT'S SELFISH.

I KNOW, BUT...

AND THEN .....

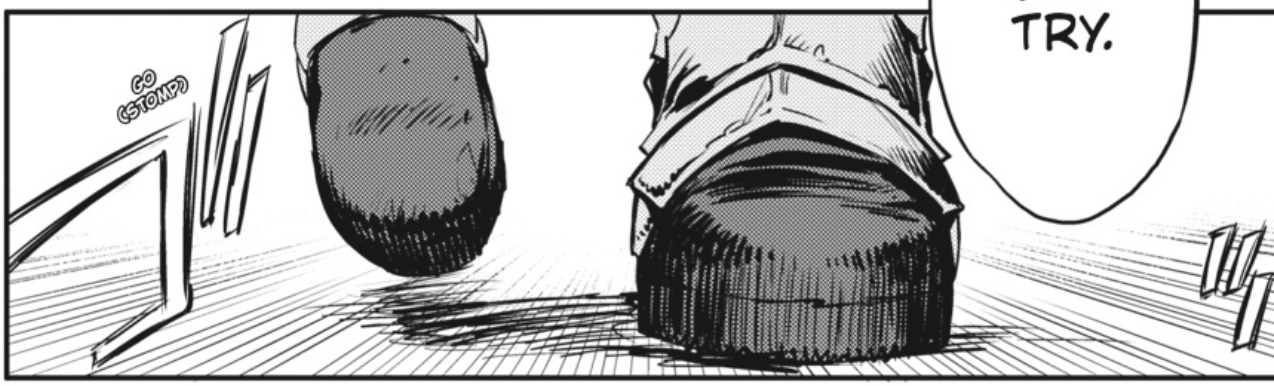
...SO .....

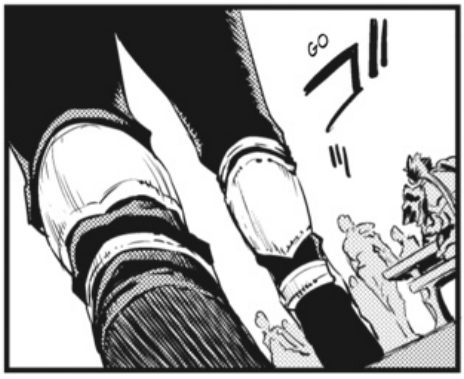
.....

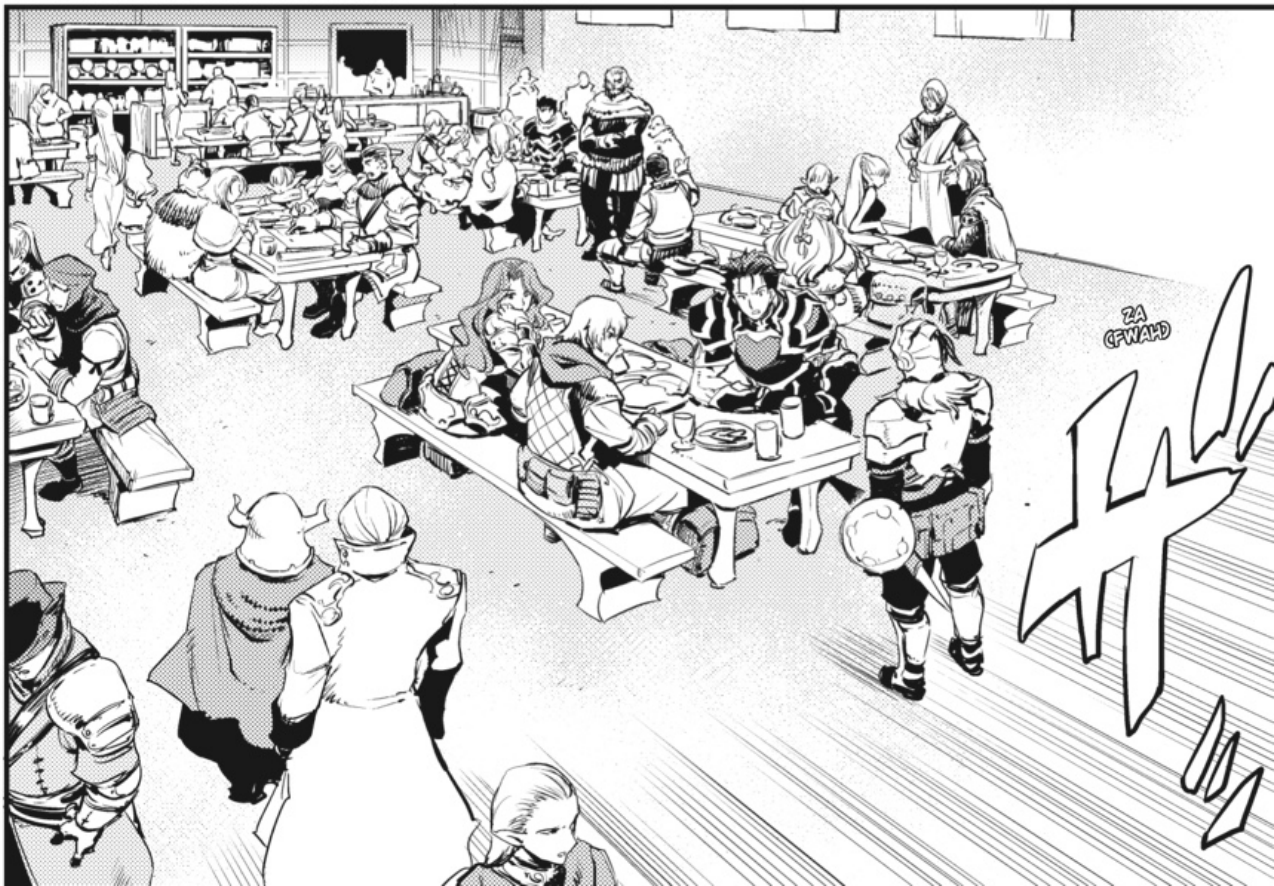
DON'T MAKE THAT FACE.

...I...
SHE'S A GOOD GIRL.
EXCUSE ME.....
SHE'S GROWN INTO A FINE YOUNG LADY...
...SO DON'T YOU GO MAKING HER CRY.
GI (CLENCH)
YOU HAVE TO PROTECT GIRLS.

ADVENTURERS GUILD





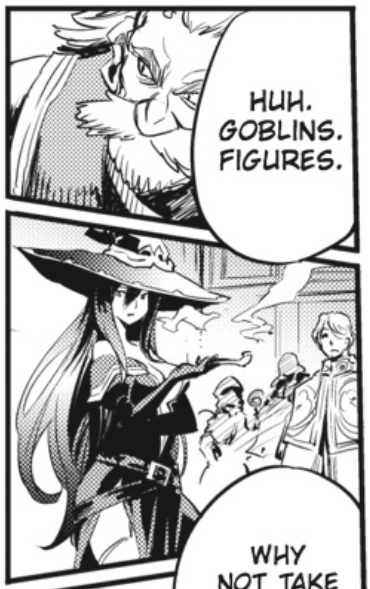


GOBLIN SLAYER?

HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF YOU LATELY...

SO YOU'RE STILL KICKING.

.....YOU WANT SOMETHING, OR...?


HUH. GOBLINS. FIGURES.

WHY NOT TAKE CARE OF IT YOURSELF?
I THOUGHT GOBLIN HORDES WERE YOUR SPECIALTY.

A GOBLIN HORDE IS COMING.
THE FARM IS IN DANGER.
I EXPECT THEM TONIGHT.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY.

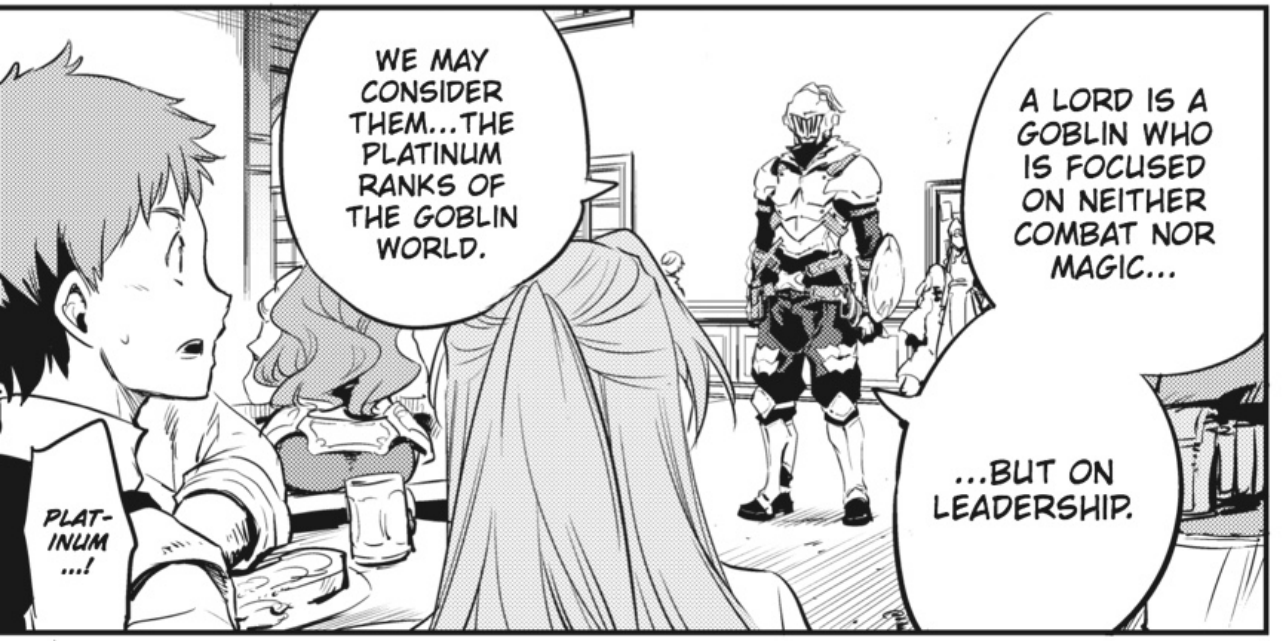
A REQUEST FROM GOBLIN SLAYER?
I THOUGHT HE ALWAYS FOUGHT SOLO.
I THINK HE FOUND HIMSELF A PARTY.
COUPLE OF PRETTY CUTE GIRLS TOO!

JUDGING BY THE NUMBER OF SCOUTS THEY SENT...
...A GOBLIN LORD IS WITH THEM.
THAT MEANS NO LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED GOBLINS.

A HUNDRED GOBLINS .....!?
ZAWA (MURMUR)
...!! A LORD ...!?

A LORD ...?
...I GUESS ...?

IS HE SERIOUS ...?
NO WAY ...
A LORD...? SO, THEN...
.....


A LORD IS A GOBLIN WHO IS FOCUSED ON NEITHER COMBAT NOR MAGIC...
...BUT ON LEADERSHIP.
WE MAY CONSIDER THEM...THE PLATINUM RANKS OF THE GOBLIN WORLD.
PLATINUM ...!

OUR ENEMIES ARE THIS LORD...
...AND THE ARMY HE HAS RALLIED BEHIND HIM.
ZO
ZO (CRUMBLE)
ZO
ZO
ZO

I NEED YOUR HELP.

PLEASE.

THERE IS NO TIME.

I CANNOT HOPE TO FACE THEM ALL MYSELF ON AN OPEN FIELD.

HEY!

.....

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHAT" ...?

THE WORK DOESN'T PAY.

YOU KNOW GOBLINS ...

I'M OUT.

YEAH, ME TOO...

GA (BAM)

YOU WANT SOMETHING, SKIP THE *REQUESTS*...

...AND MAKE IT A *QUEST*, PERIOD.

THAT MEANS A REWARD.

GOT IT?

THIS ...

...IS SOME KIND OF MISTAKE, RIGHT?

THIS IS THE ADVENTURERS GUILD.

AND WE'RE ADVENTURERS.

YEAH, HE'S RIGHT!

WE'RE ADVEN-TURERS!

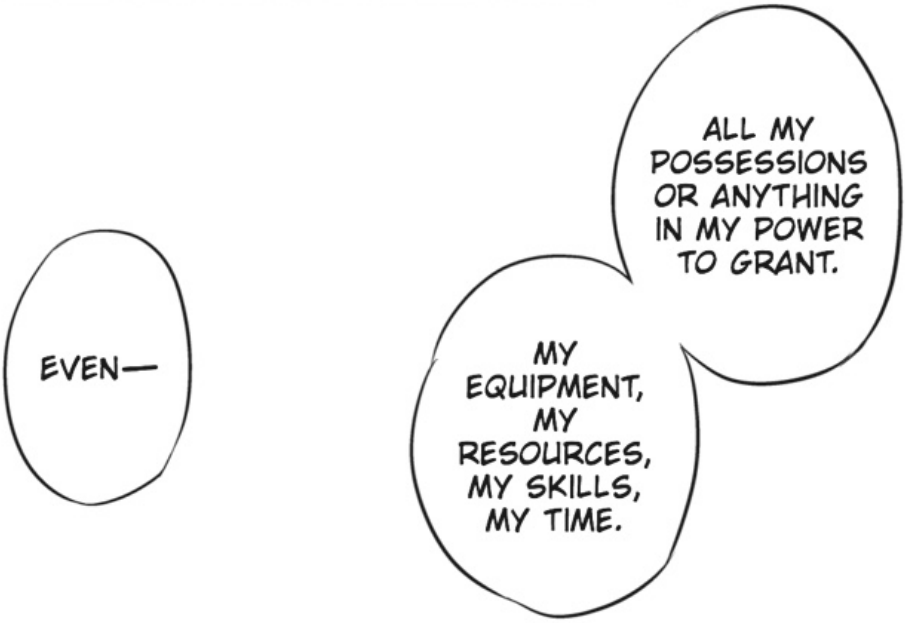
WE DON'T RISK OUR LIVES FOR FREE!

LEAVE SOME LADIES FOR THE REST OF US!

EVERY-THING.
HUH?

DAMN STRAIGHT I AM. SO LET'S HEAR IT.
WHAT DO WE GET FOR FACING A HUNDRED GOBLINS?
YES.
YOU'RE RIGHT.

THE REWARD IS EVERYTHING I HAVE.


EVEN—
MY EQUIPMENT, MY RESOURCES, MY SKILLS, MY TIME.
ALL MY POSSESSIONS OR ANYTHING IN MY POWER TO GRANT.

YOU MEAN ...?

SO IF I TOLD YOU TO DIE, YOU'D DO IT?
...
NO. THAT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.
YES.
EVEN MY LIFE.
YOUR LIFE?
THERE IS ONE WHO MIGHT WEEP AT MY DEATH...
...AND I HAVE PROMISED NEVER TO MAKE HER CRY.
THEREFORE, MY LIFE IS NOT MINE TO GIVE.

BUT YOU'RE SERIOUS.
THAT MUCH IS CLEAR.
...I CAN'T PRETEND TO KNOW WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
.....
FEH!
IZZAT RIGHT?
.....YOU SON OF A BITCH.
YES.
I HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE SO.

TREAT ME TO A DRINK LATER.
WHAT WOULD I WANT WITH YOUR LIFE!?
..... DUMB-ASS.
.....NOW WHAT?
AREN'T YOU HAPPY ABOUT IT, QUEST GIVER!?
THIS IS A MARKET-PLACE!
AND A SILVER-RANKED ADVENTURER JUST ACCEPTED YOUR GOBLIN-SLAYING QUEST!
GA (BAM)

MY APOLOGIES.
PEKORI (BOW)
ペコリ
THANK YOU.
.....!!
WHATEVER! SAVE IT...
...FOR WHEN ALL THE GOBLINS ARE DEAD.
ERK...
TAN (WHAM)
ZAWA (MUPMUPO)
I- I'M IN TOO!!
I'LL SLAY THOSE GOBLINS WITH YOU!
AND THEN YOU HAVE TO COME ON AN ADVENTURE WITH ME!
BA (JUMP)

SURE! WE'RE A PARTY, AREN'T WE!?
YOU GUYS ...!
THAT ADVENTURE ...
...S'POSE I COULD GET IN ON IT, LONG-EARS?
.....BUT IF YOU INSIST ON GIVING ME A REWARD ...
I SHALL NEVER REFUSE A FRIEND'S REQUEST.
YOU'LL OWE ME MORE THAN A DRINK, BEARD-CUTTER!
I'LL NEED A WHOLE BARREL!
KORO (CLACK)
コロ
カラ
KARA (CLICK)
AND PERHAPS ONE MORE...
...?
.....YEAH, BUT.....
THE BOUNTY ON GOBLINS REALLY SUCKS...
HEH HEH.
THAT FARM ...
...IS WHERE THE CHEESE IS MADE.
TRULY !?
THEN MY WRATH UPON THOSE TINY DEVILS SHALL KNOW NO BOUNDS!!
YOU'RE COMING TOO?
THINGS HAVE GOTTEN ...
... YES?
... EXCITING ...
OF...
... COURSE.

TH-THE GUILD IS HEREBY OFFERING ...
SO COME AND GET IT, ADVEN-TURERS!
...A BOUNTY OF ONE GOLD COIN FOR EVERY GOBLIN KILLED!
FEH!
ガチャ
GACHA (CLACK)
I SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING.
ALL I COULD DO TO HELP WAS TALK TO MY SUPERIORS, BUT I DID IT...!
NO WAY!
ZAWA (MURMUR)
...FOR EVERY GOBLIN ...!?
ONE GOLD COIN ...

NO NEED TO BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT IT.
YOU JUST WANTED AN EXCUSE.
I HAPPEN TO REMEMBER HE SAVED YOUR VILLAGE WHEN THOSE GOBLINS SHOWED UP.
MY REASONS ARE PURELY ECONOMIC!
FU (SIGH)

A GOLD PIECE PER GOBLIN? IT DOESN'T GET MUCH BETTER THAN THAT.
JOINING THE FUN?

I GUESS SO...
THAT IS, IF YOU GUYS ARE...
... RIGHT ?

WITH ALL THESE PROS ALONG, IT SHOULD BE PRETTY SAFE...
MAYBE... MAYBE I'LL GO TOO... I'VE NEVER SLAIN A GOBLIN...

AS A WOULD-BE PALADIN, I CAN HARDLY TURN DOWN SOMEONE IN TROUBLE.
SUCHA (RISE)
スチャ
OH...! TH-THEN WE'RE IN TOO...!

I REMEMBER ALL THE TROUBLE GOBLINS GAVE ME WHEN I WAS STARTING OUT...

I'D FEEL WEIRD NOT HEARING HIM GO, "ANY GOBLINS?" EVERY DAY.

WE CAN'T JUST LET THEM DO WHATEVER THEY WANT.

YEAH! HE'S SORT OF AN INSTITUTION AT OUR GUILD.

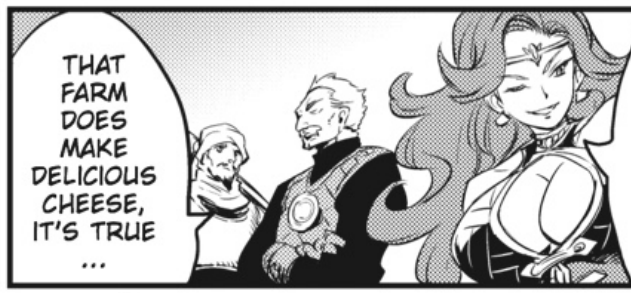
I BECAME AN ADVENTURER THE SAME DAY HE DID.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CURIOUS HOW HE FIGHTS— HE GOT ALL THE WAY TO SILVER RANK THIS WAY.

I WAS JUST THINKING I NEEDED SOME MONEY.

I GUESS THAT'S FATE FOR YOU.

WE AIN'T COMRADES, AND WE AIN'T FRIENDS...

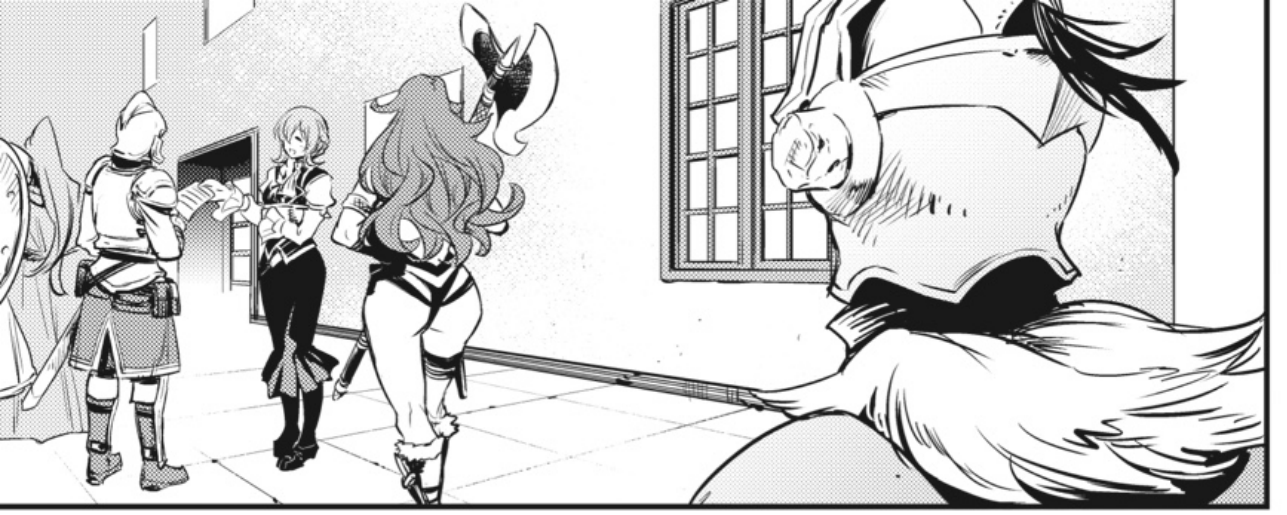


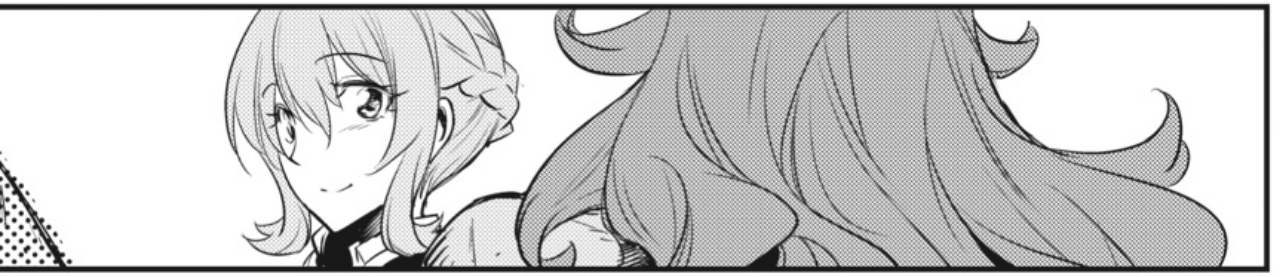
THAT FARM DOES MAKE DELICIOUS CHEESE, IT'S TRUE ...

WEIRDEST QUEST GIVER I'VE EVER SEEN.

ZAN (TAAAAH)

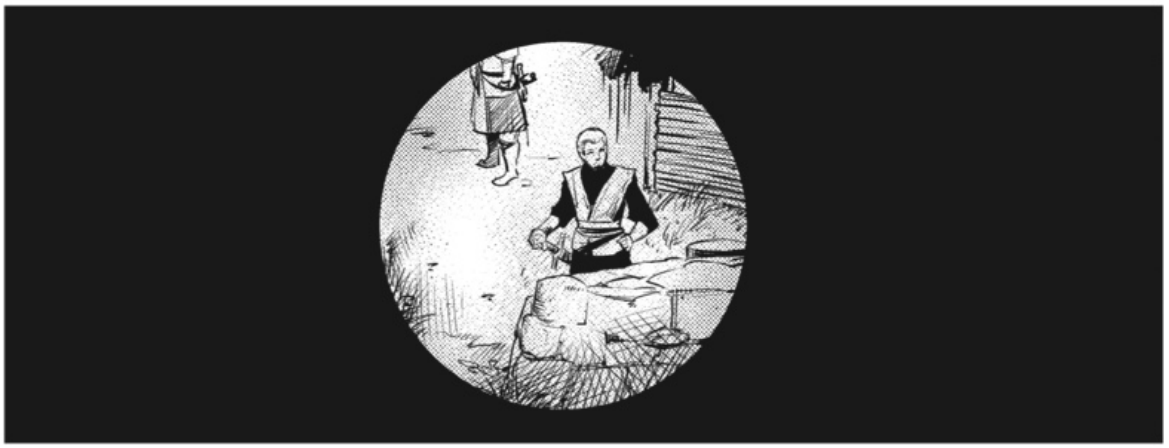
...BUT WE'RE ALL ADVEN-TURERS!

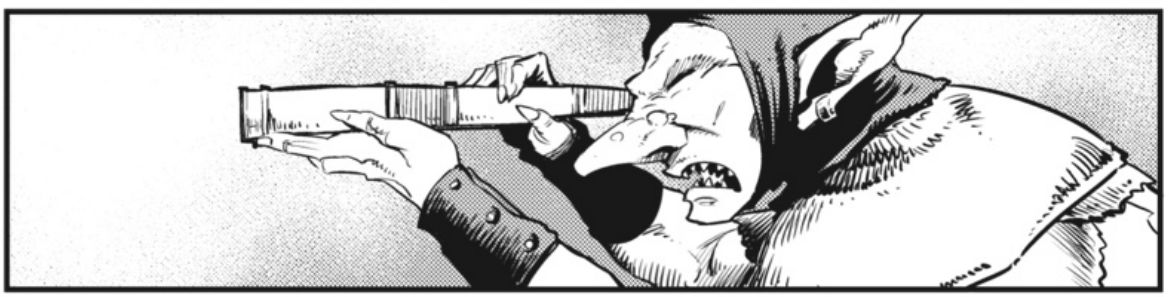




THAT WENT WELL, DIDN'T IT?

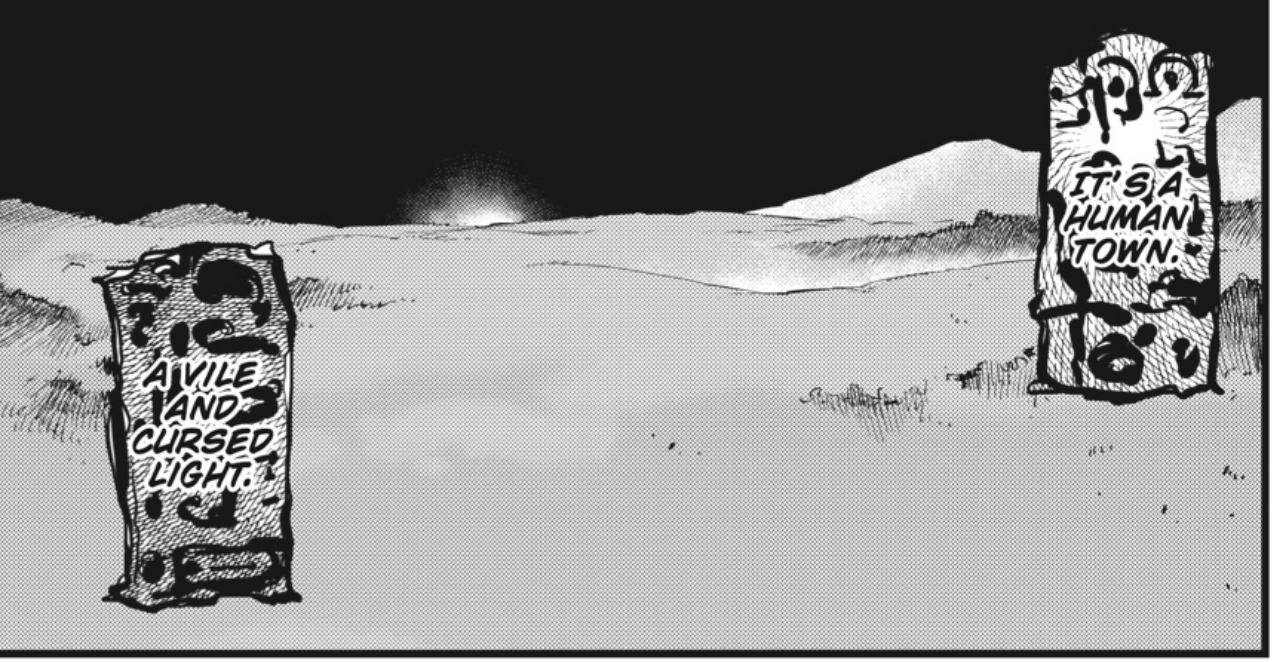
OF COURSE.
I'LL BE COMING TOO, OF COURSE!
I HAVE A PLAN...
HOW DO WE FIGHT THEM?
SO WE'RE UP AGAINST A GOBLIN ARMY.
...AND IT'S GOING TO DEPEND ON YOU.





CHAPTER 12

SEE THAT LIGHT?


A VILE AND CURSED LIGHT.
IT'S A HUMAN TOWN.

...ARE ADVEN-TURERS.
IN THAT TOWN...

SKEWER THEM ALIVE!!
MAKE OTHERS BEWAIL THEIR FATES!
MAKE THE WOMEN BREED...
...AND THEN FEED THEIR CHILDREN THEIR FLESH!
ALL SHALL DIE!!
LEFT US WITH NOTHING!
KILLED US!
THEY ATTACKED OUR NEST!
THAT IS THEIR LIGHT!
AND THEY SHALL KNOW!
NOW WE SHALL DESTROY THEIR NEST.

YAAAAH!

WE SHALL RAZE THEIR TOWN...

...AND BUILD A GOBLIN KINGDOM!!

RAAAAH!

FIRST...

...WE TAKE THE FARM TO THE EAST.

THERE, WE PREPARE TO ATTACK.

THERE, WE EAT THEIR LIVESTOCK, USE THEIR WOMEN TO BUILD OUR NUMBERS.

...AND SHALL MEET US THERE.

PERHAPS THE ADVENTURERS HAVE GOTTEN WIND OF US...

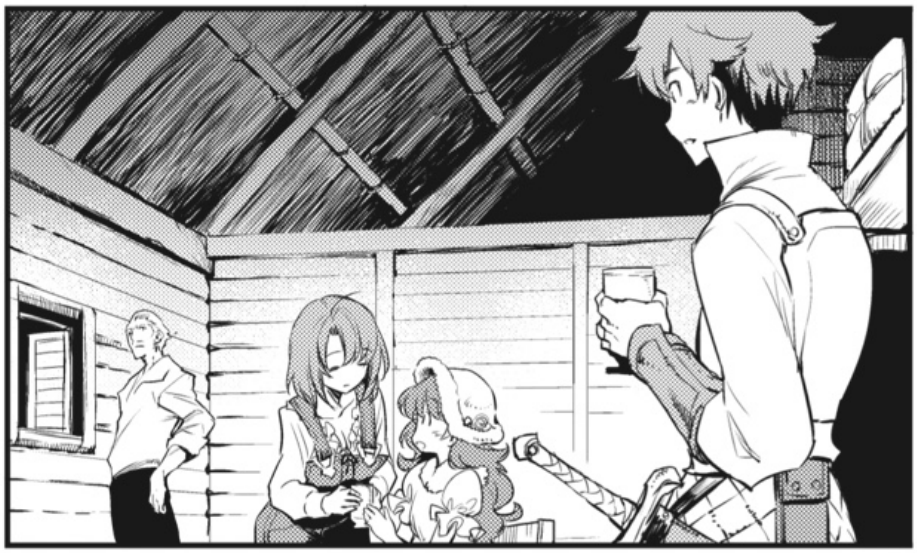
LOOK ALIVE!

AND BRING THEM LOW!!

BUT WE OUT-NUMBER THEM!

WE ARE AN ARMY!

MERE ADVENTURERS WILL NOT STOP US!



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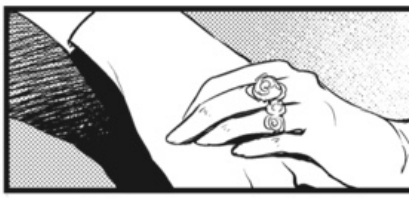


IT'LL BE OKAY.

HEY!
!

!!

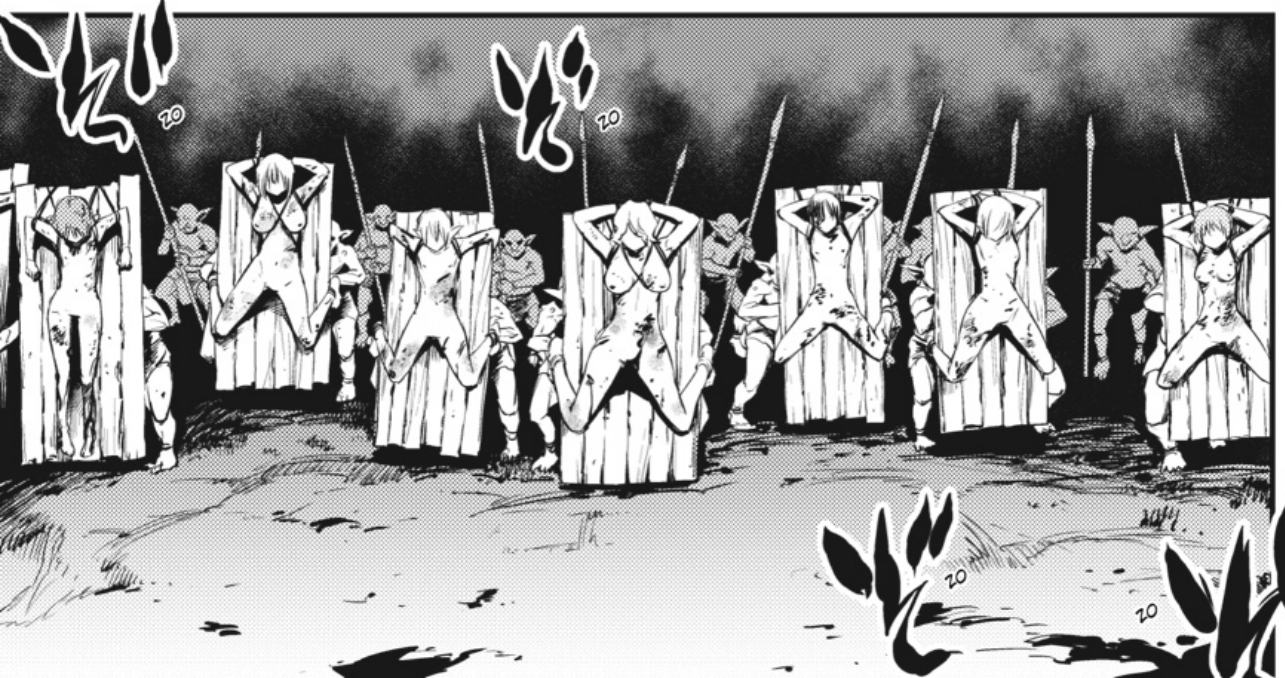
ZA
(CRUNCH)

ZON
(RUMBLE)

...
HAH

MEAT SHIELDS.
THESE RENDER THE HUMANS UNABLE TO USE ARROWS OR MAGIC...

THE FOOLS ...


ZO
ZO
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ZO

FUWAO
(DRIFT)

GATA
(CLATTER)

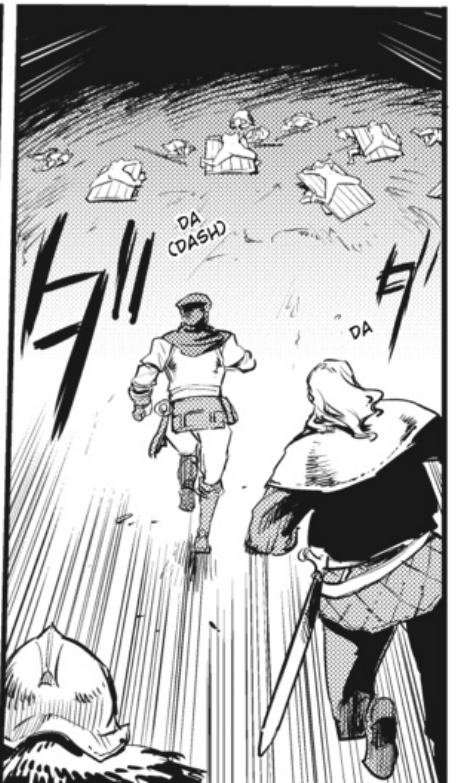
DO
DOTA
(WHUMP)

SWEET DREAMS ...
... Y'LUGS!

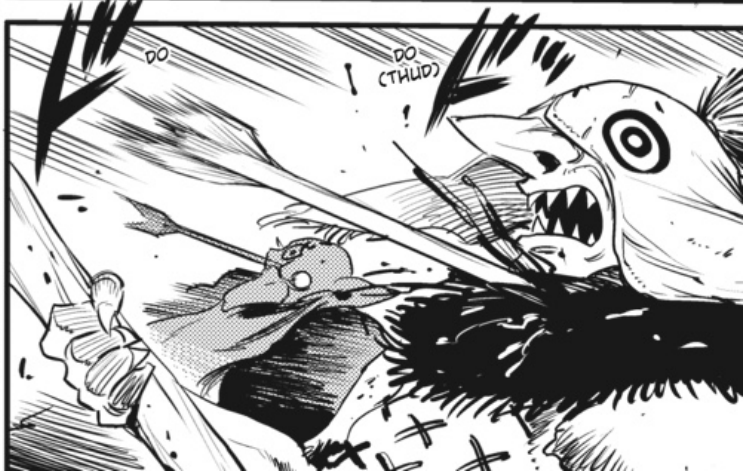
STUPOR.
SLEEP.

BA (LEAP)
NOW GO!!
GABA (BRUST)

JUST GET THE SHIELDS!
IGNORE THE GOBLINS!


DA (DASH)
DA

FALL BACK !!



SO...THOSE ARE THE FAMOUS "SHIELDS."

GOOD-BYE, SHAMANS!
BA (FWIP)
BA
DA (DASH)
DA
AND I THOUGHT GOBLINS COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE.

COME ON, EVERY-BODY!!
Y-AAAAAH!
TIME TO MAKE SOME CASH!
THAT'S ALL THE SHIELDS !!
ALL RIGHT. HERE WE GO!!

THE GOLD'S COMING TO ME FOR ONCE!!
GO GWHUMP
GEEZ. ENOUGH GOBLINS HERE...
ZA GWHOOSH

...TO MAKE ME SICK OF 'EM!
GA (WHAP)
HYU (FWOOSH)
GA
GA
GA
BA (JUMP)

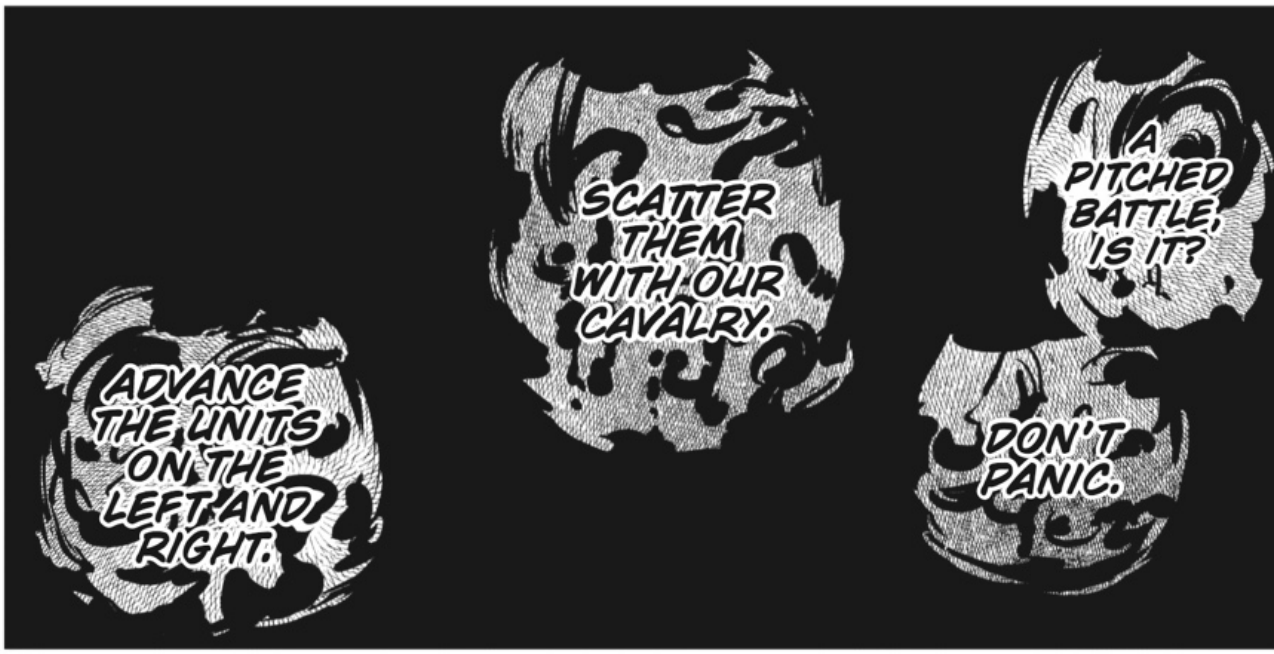
GASA (RUSTLE)
カガさっ

BI

THERE WERE TOO MANY FOR MILORD GOBLIN SLAYER TO HANDLE ALONE...
PAN (CLAP)
OH, THANKS!
BI (FWING)
...SO THIS MUCH IS TO BE EXPECTED.

HYU (FWOO)
WAA (SPOING)

DON
(THUMP)
!?
NOT...
...THAT I CARE, BUT...
...STAY WITHIN DEFLECT ...
... OKAY ?
... MISSILE ...


ADVANCE THE UNITS ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT.
SCATTER THEM WITH OUR CAVALRY.
A PITCHED BATTLE, IS IT?
DON'T PANIC.

WHY DO WE HAFTA STAND GUARD!?

DO
DO (THUD)
RIDERS !!
DO
GOBLINS ON WOLVES!!
DO

BA
BA (FWING)
FORM UP!
OPEN UP SPACE IN BACK!
BACK ROW, AT INTERVALS WITH THE FRONT LINE!
THEY'RE SMALLER THAN HORSES.
HOLD AS LONG AS YOU CAN!!
THEN POP 'EM!
HOLD!
NOT YET!
RIDERS COMING !!
RIDERS!
!
I SEE. HE COULDN'T TAKE THEM ALONE, BUT HE KNOWS HOW THEY FIGHT.
CURSE HIM...
RIGHT!
GET BACK TO POSITION!

NOW !!

GOBLIN SLAYER

NOW !!
DO (SLAM)
CHAPTER 13

BAKI
(TAWADO)
GRAAA
GOBU
(STHOOO)
GOBU
(STHOOO)
GOBU
(STHOOO)

W—
WOW ...
DO (THUMP)

YIKES!
DOCHA (THUMP)

IS IT DEAD ...?

GIRO (GLARE)
DO.

DON'T LET 'EM FOOL YOU, KID!

DOSHIN (SLASH)

GIVE 'EM A GOOD POKE TO BE SURE!!

ARE YOU OKAY !?

YEAH... THANK GOODNESS I BOUGHT THIS ARMOR...

HEH. EASIEST MONEY I EVER MADE.

YEAH.

I NEVER EXPECTED HIS STRATEGY TO WORK SO WELL.

SO THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'LL DO.
GOBLINS SET AMBUSHES BUT NEVER EXPECT TO BE AMBUSHED.
DON'T TOUCH THE GOBLINS. WE CAN'T HAVE THEM WAKING UP.
A SLEEP SPELL WILL BUY US TIME TO RESCUE THEM.
THEY USE PRISONERS AS "MEAT SHIELDS."
BUT WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH PEOPLE TO SET UP A SPEAR WALL TO STOP THEM.
I EXPECT TWENTY OR THIRTY OF THEM HERE.
LARGER HORDES HAVE WOLVES AND SOMETIMES RIDERS.

TARGET THEIR SHAMANS FIRST.

WE CAN USE WEAPONS TO KILL THEM.

THOSE WE CAN'T END WITH WEAPONS, WE'LL KILL WITH SPELLS.

HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT, BUT I GUESS HE REALLY IS SILVER-RANKED.

DO
(THOCK)

BOSA
(BUMPF)

WORTHLESS, ALL OF THEM.

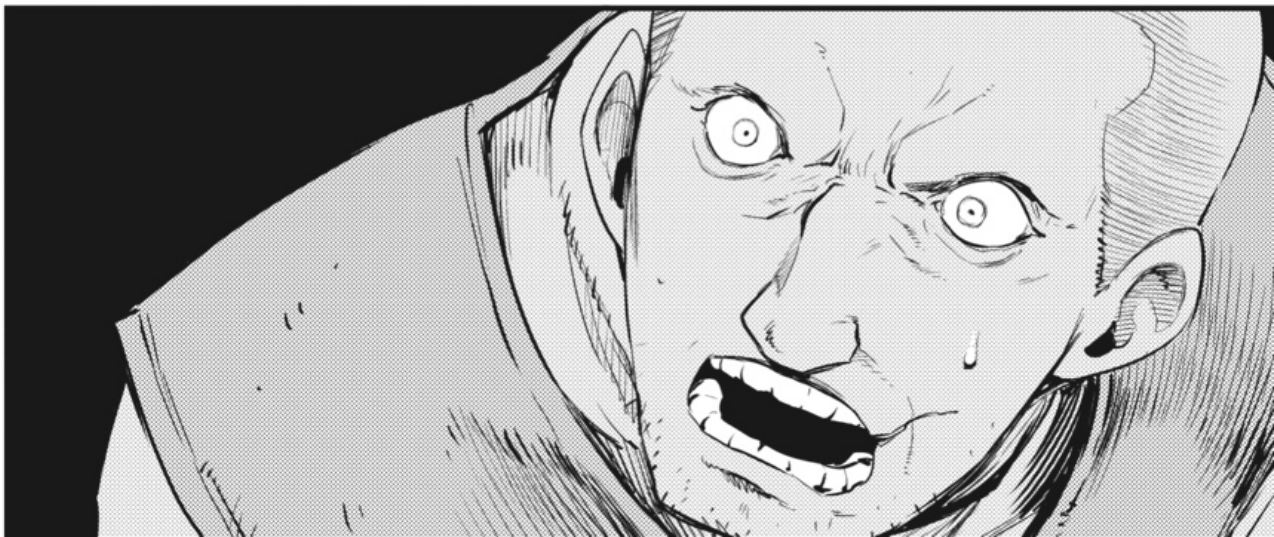
IT'S YOUR TURN.
I HAVE HEROES OF MY OWN. SQUEEZE THE BLOOD FROM THOSE ADVENTURERS.
BUT I EXPECTED THEY WOULD BE USELESS.
I HAVE GIVEN YOU EVERY WEAPON AND ADVANTAGE.
USE THEM TO SLAUGHTER THE ENEMY.

GIRI
(GRIND)

HYU
(FWOO)
GUSHA
(SPLAT)

I GET TO MAKE MONEY AND IMPRESS GUILD GIRL! NOT BAD!
HAH!
PA (BAND)
DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!!
DOSU (THOCK)
WHY DO YOU THINK THEY'D RUN...
...HERE?

VAGI
(PLUCK)



LOOK OUT!
INCOMING !!
!
DOCHA (THUMP)
YIKES!
WHAT WAS THAT?
?
!!

HRG...
...GGGHH!
FEH!

GOBLIN CHAMPIONS!

HOBS NOW!?
...NO.

THOSE HUGE ONES...
I'VE ONLY HEARD STORIES ABOUT THEM.

BUN (WHOOSH)

I'VE ALWAYS PREFERRED HUNTING BIG GAME!

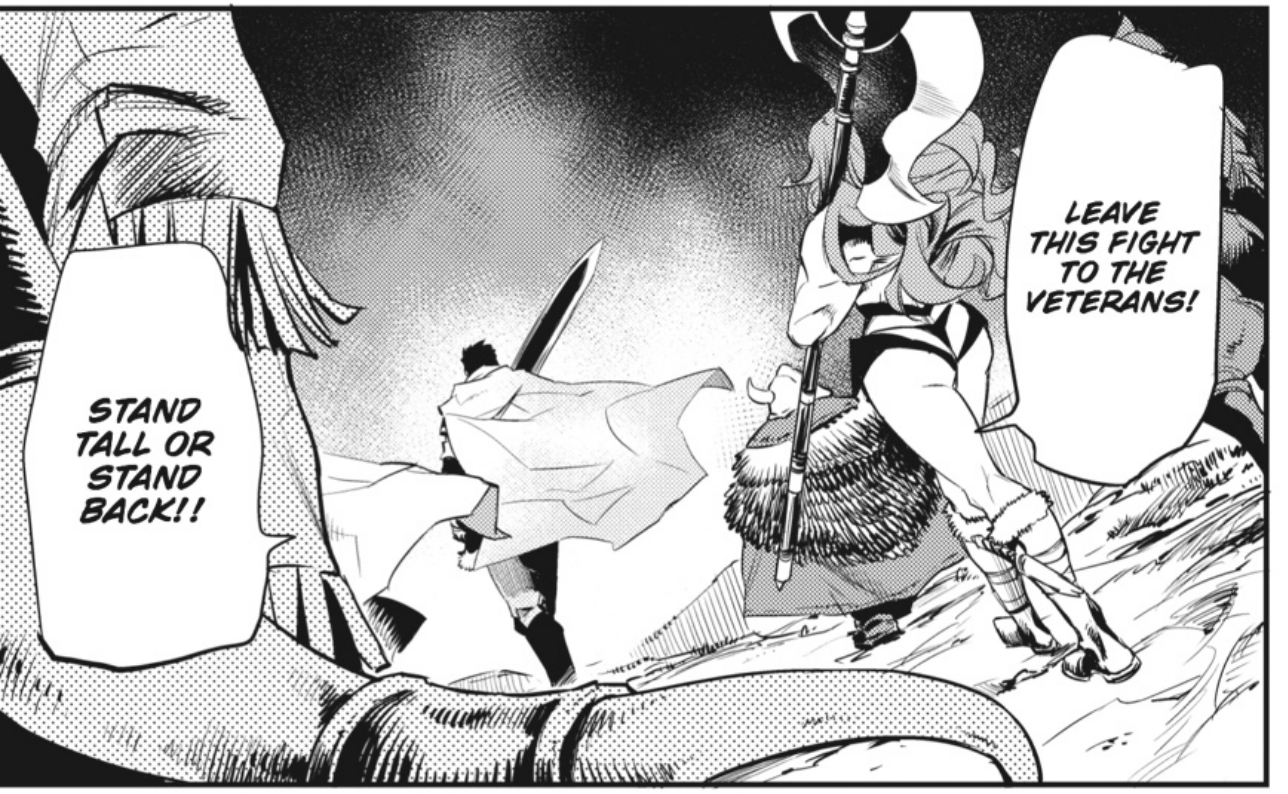
CHAMPIONS ...

PERFECT TIMING. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THE SHRIMPS.

FORGET IT. LET'S GO.

JUST WHEN I WAS BUSY COUNTING ALL THE GOBLIN HEADS I'VE TAKEN...

THEN ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU HOW TO TAKE A HOBGOBLIN HEAD!


LEAVE THIS FIGHT TO THE VETERANS!
STAND TALL OR STAND BACK!!

YOU'RE NOT GONNA GO HELP THEM?

FIRST, I NEED A BREAK.

AND SO DO YOU. TAKE A BREATHER WHILE YOU CAN.

HEY, I NEED WATER ...

WATER!

RIGHT!

WHERE'S OUR BOLD LEADER ANYWAY?

OH.

SURELY YOU KNOW HIM...

...WELL ENOUGH ...

...TO GUESS ?

YEAH, NO QUESTION.

HE'S GONE...

...TO SLAY SOME GOBLINS.

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN ...?

JUST A BIT OF THIEVERY.

THIS WAS ONLY IN PREPARATION TO TAKE THE HUMAN TOWN.

I HAD PLENTY OF TROOPS.

MORE THAN ENOUGH WEAPONS AND WOLVES.

WHY?

WHY?

WHY SO MANY ADVENTURERS!?

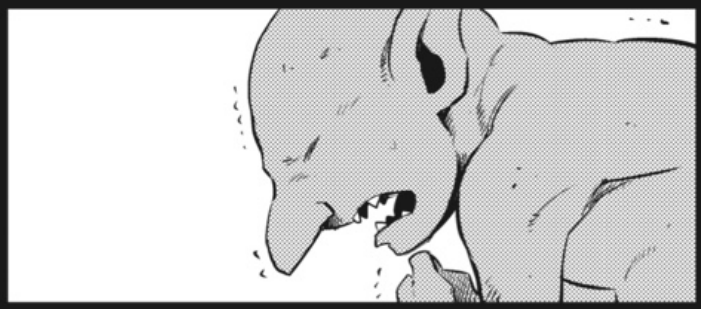
WHY DID THEY SEE THROUGH ALL MY PLANS!?

WHY!!?

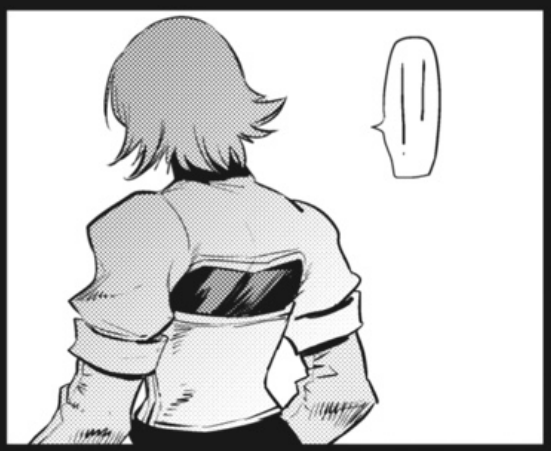
THAT HORDE IS DONE.

BUT IF I SURVIVE, THAT'S ENOUGH.

I HAVE WOMEN CAPTIVE AND PLENTY OF PROVISIONS AND SUBORDINATES!



I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RESOURCEFUL...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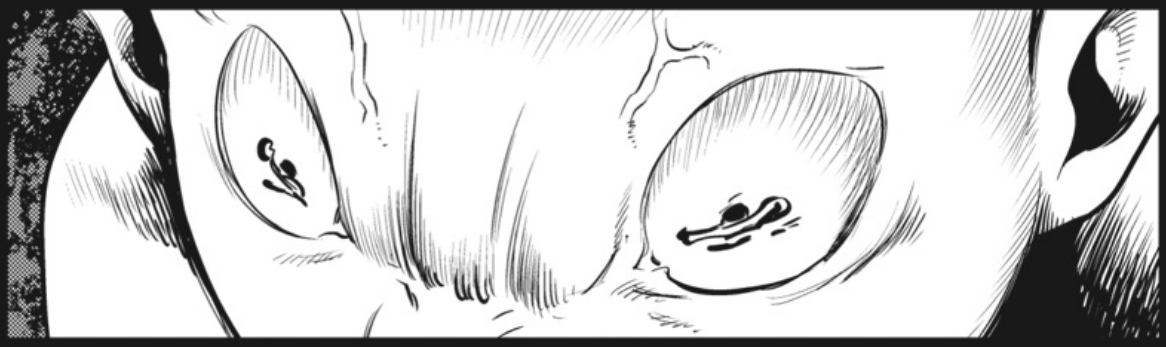
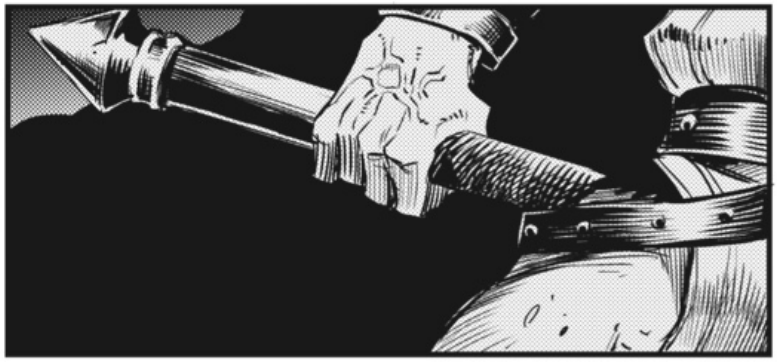


I WILL RISE AGAIN.
IF I SURVIVE ...
... ANOTHER MOMENT WILL COME.
I WILL LEARN, AND I WILL IMPROVE.
I HAVE THE CUNNING.



I KNEW THIS IS WHAT YOU'D BE THINKING.

YOU ARE A FOOL.
MY ARMY WAS ONLY A DISTRACTION.

YOUR HOME...
...IS GONE.

KIIAAA (SCREECH)
BA
BA (SLICE)
HAH!
DO (THOCK)

CHAPTER 14
SO CHAOS

HYU
BA
GOOM (GOOOM)
BA (THWACK)
HYU (WHOO)
FEH!

SO THIS IS A CHAMPION.
I THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST BIG GOBLINS...
...BUT THIS THING...
GYAHA (FWOOSH)
...KNOWS HOW TO FIGHT!
BUN (SWING)
GA (SLAM)

I DON'T HAVE MUCH HOPE OF DEALING A FATAL BLOW WITH MY SWORD.
I'LL DISTRACT HIM.
YOU LAND THE HIT. AND MAKE SURE IT'S CRITICAL.
YOU GOT IT.

GAN
(SLAM)

BA
BA
(THUD)

GAN
GAN

BIKI
(THROB)
BIKI

GAIIN
(CLANG)

BA (LEAP)

NEXT TIME HE SWINGS, I'LL—!!

GASA (RUSTLE)

THE HELL'RE YOU...!!

GOSHA (SMASH)

TCH!

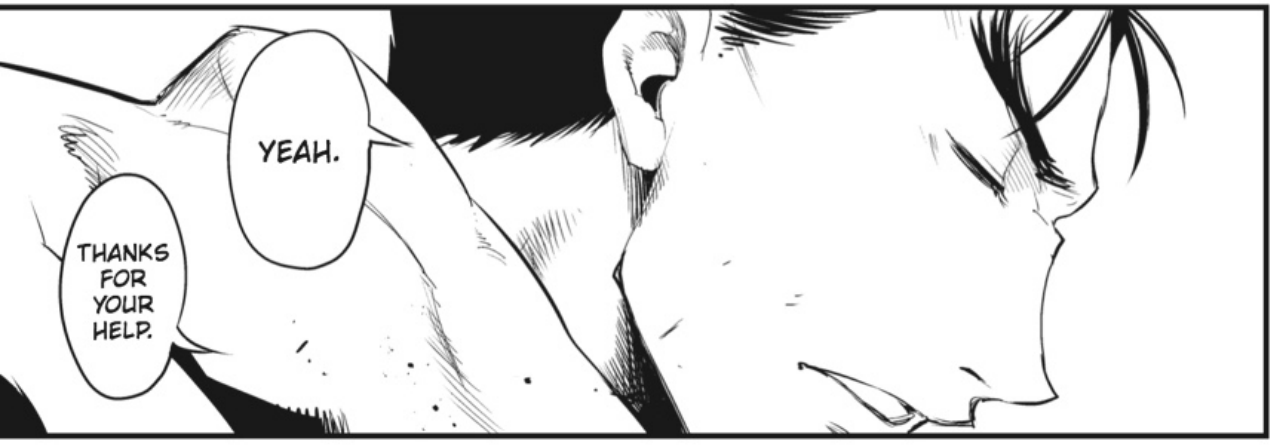
SU
(WHOOSH)

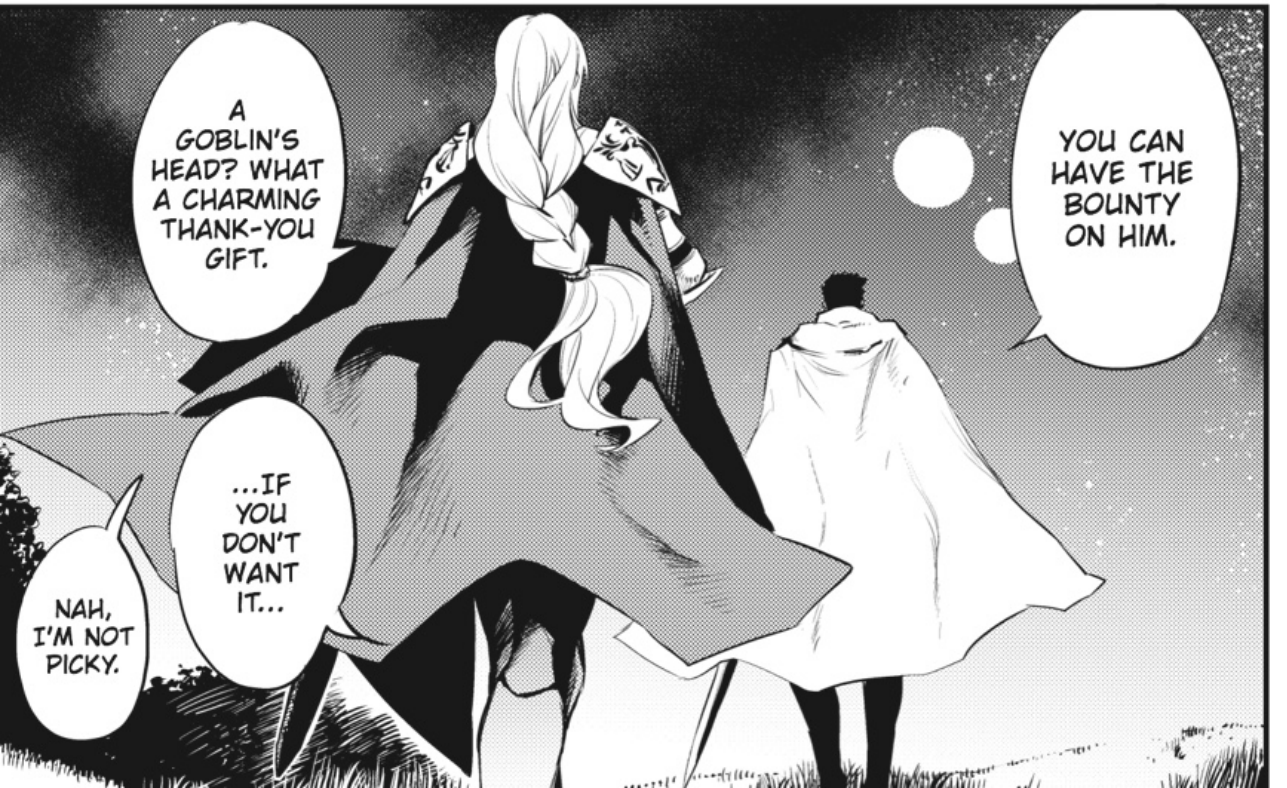
PI
(PLING)
GRAAAAAHH

DON
(WHAM)
GOSHA
(SMASH)

YEEEEEEAAAHHH!
HEH HEH!

LOOKS LIKE YOU OWE ME YOUR LIFE... AGAIN.

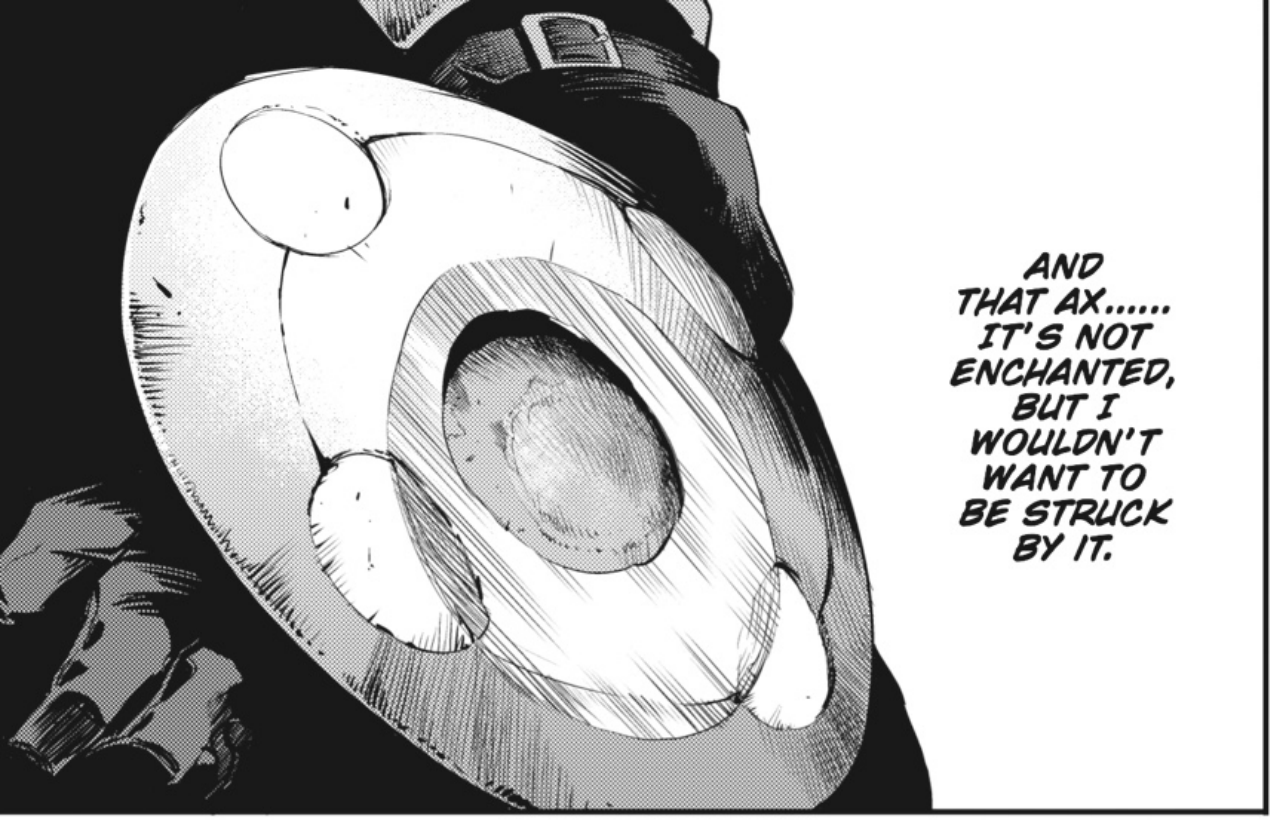

YEAH.
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.


YOU CAN HAVE THE BOUNTY ON HIM.
A GOBLIN'S HEAD? WHAT A CHARMING THANK-YOU GIFT.
...IF YOU DON'T WANT IT...
NAH, I'M NOT PICKY.

YOUR HOME ...
...IS GONE.

GA
GA
GWHAND

HE'S WEARING ARMOR UNDER THAT CAPE.
HE'S TOO POWERFUL..... OR RATHER, HIS REACH IS TOO LONG.



I'M NOT BACK TO MY FULL STRENGTH YET...

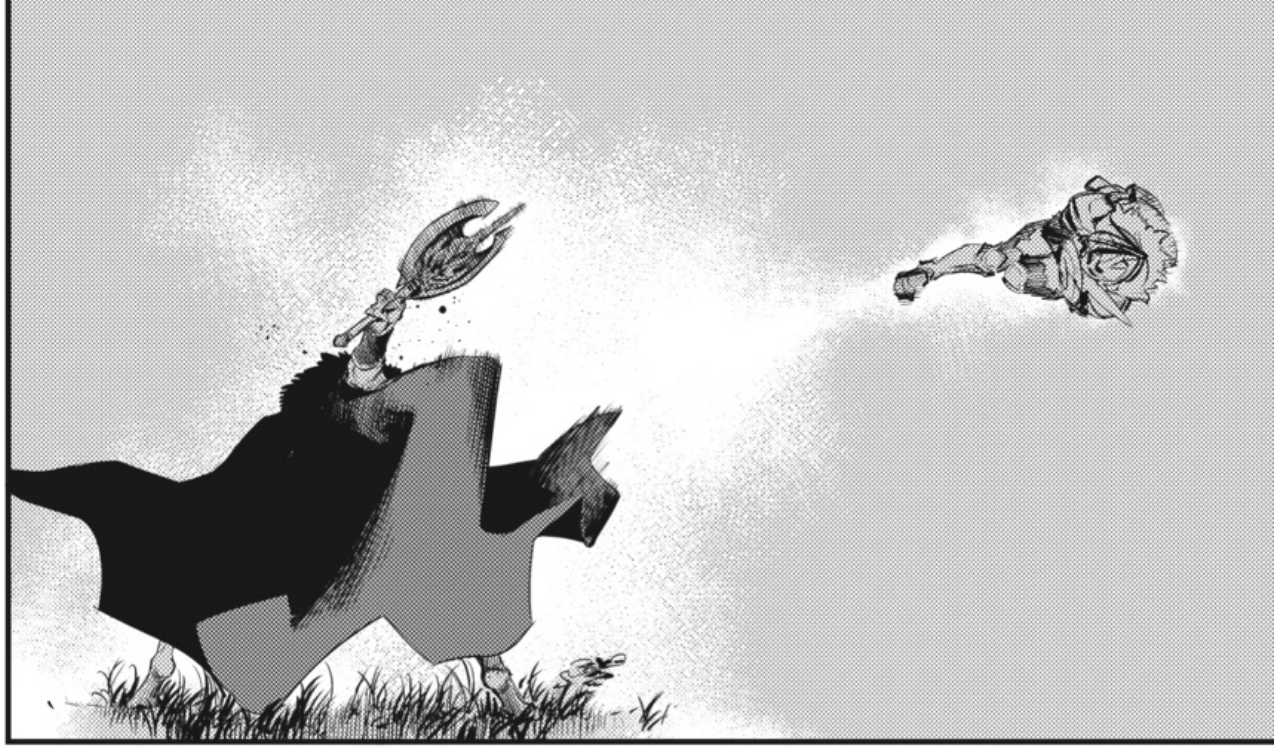
...BUT...

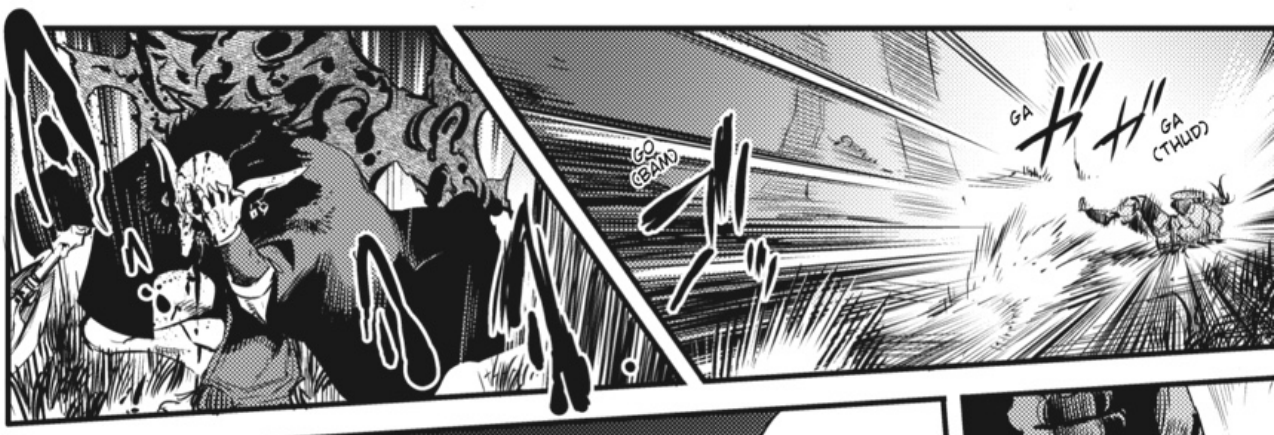
BUCHI
(GRAB)

BA
(FWIP)

BASA
(SCATTER)

BA
GA
(SLAM)




GO (BAM)
GA
GA (THUD)

.....HE HAS TROUBLE WITH FRONTAL ATTACKS...

MY CROWN! CURSE YOU...

CHAPTER 15

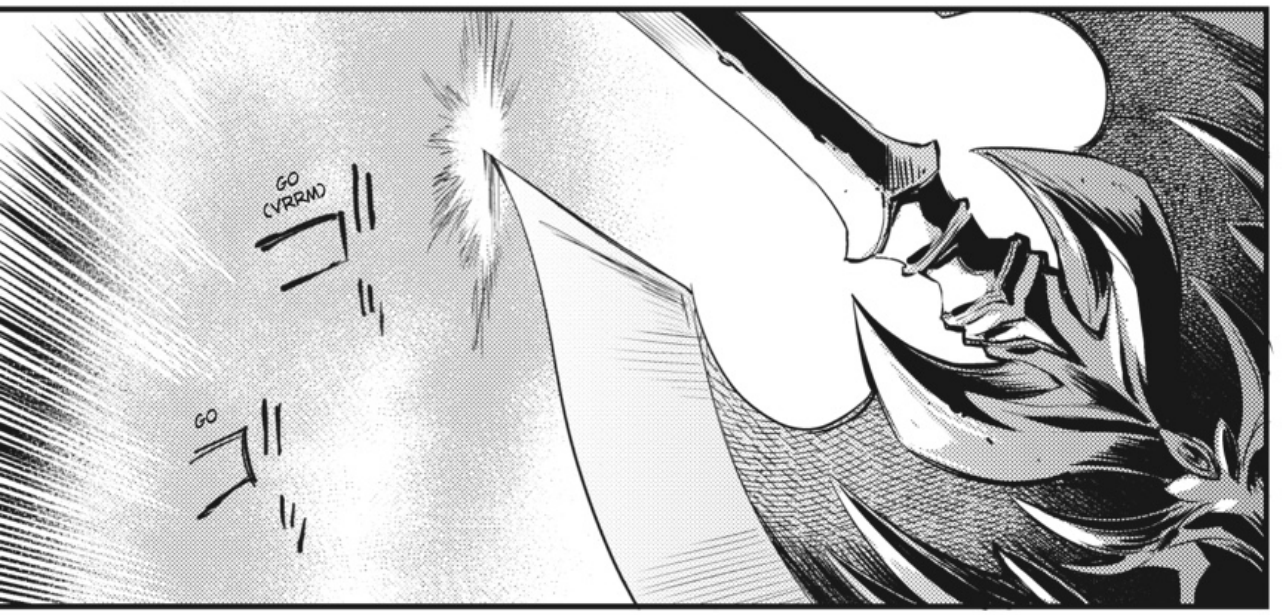
BUSHI
(GUSH)

BUT YOUR SHIELD...
...IS SHATTERED...
...YOUR SWORD, BROKEN.

HEH-HEH-HEH... MINOR WOUNDS...
...ARE NOTHING NEW TO ME.

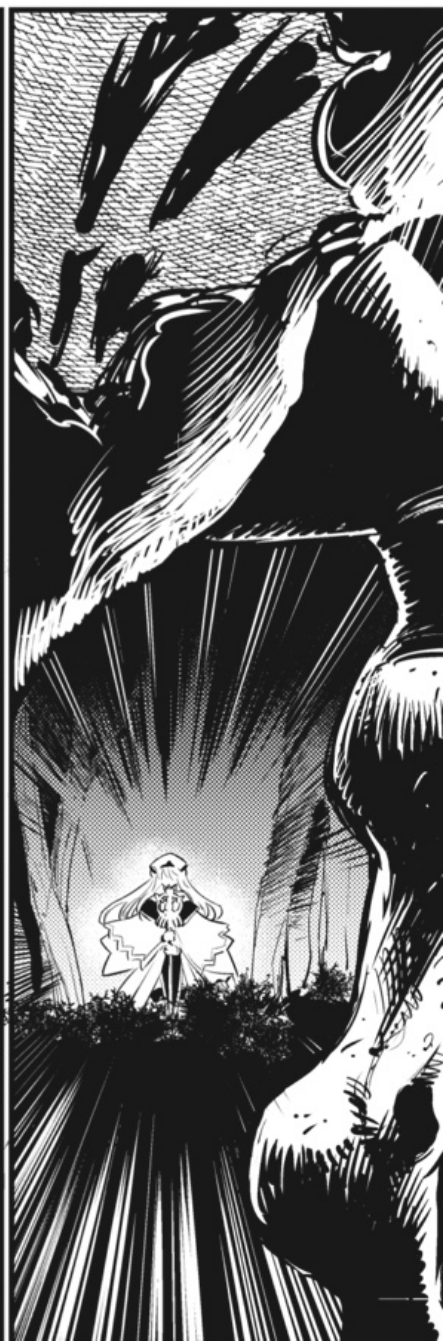
GOKYA (THWACK)
NOW I AVENGE MY COMRADES!
GO (WHACK)
I SHALL HEW OFF YOUR ARMS AND LEGS...
GO
GO
...HANG YOU FROM A POLE...
GO
GO
GO
...AND TORTURE YOU UNTIL YOU DIE!!

I SHALL FINISH HIM WITHOUT MERCY—
IT SHALL BE THE NEXT STEP IN MY LEGEND!
KONN (TONK)
MY PREY SHOULD COWER AT ITS DEATH.
HRM... I DO NOT LIKE THIS.
WHAT FUN IS A DEATH WITHOUT FEAR?
IT MATTERS NOT.
HRMPH.


GO CVRRND
GO

AN... INVISIBLE WALL.....?
WHAT... WHAT IS THIS...?

O EARTH MOTHER, ABOUNDING IN MERCY...

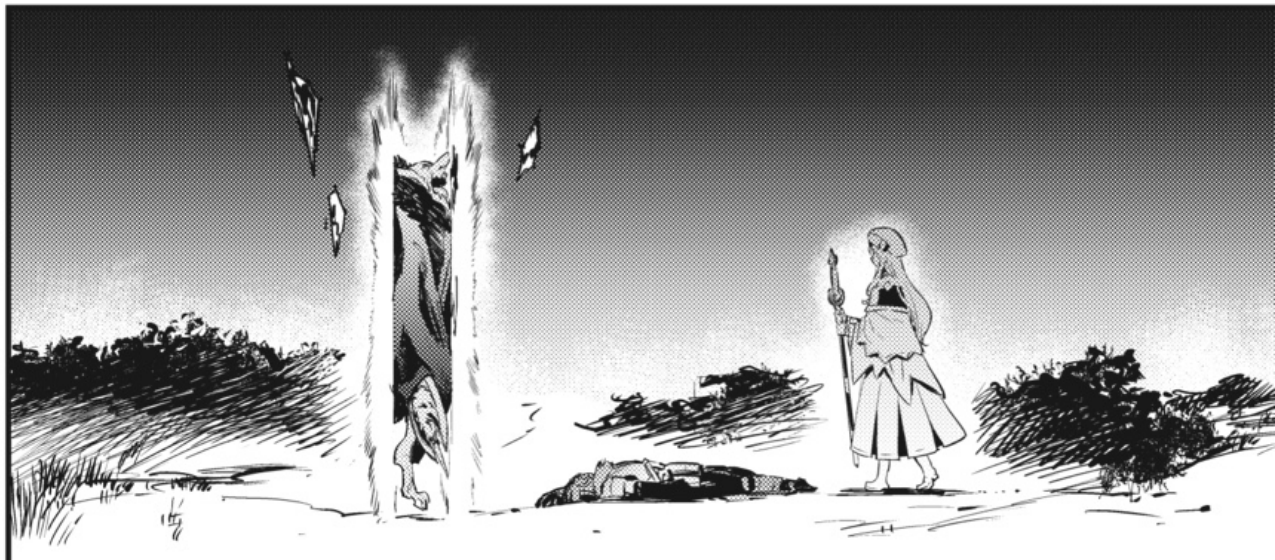


A WOMAN...
PERFECT...I'VE GROWN STARVED FOR SCREAMS...
I SHALL FEAST ON YOUR INNARDS...
...BY THE POWER OF THE LAND...
...GRANT SAFETY TO WE WHO ARE WEAK.
...AND HAVE MY WAY WITH YOU UNTIL YOU EXPIRE.
PROTECTION!

ZUBU (SHUSHU)
ZUBU
GAN (GANGAN)
GAN (GANGAN)
KIN (GANGAN)

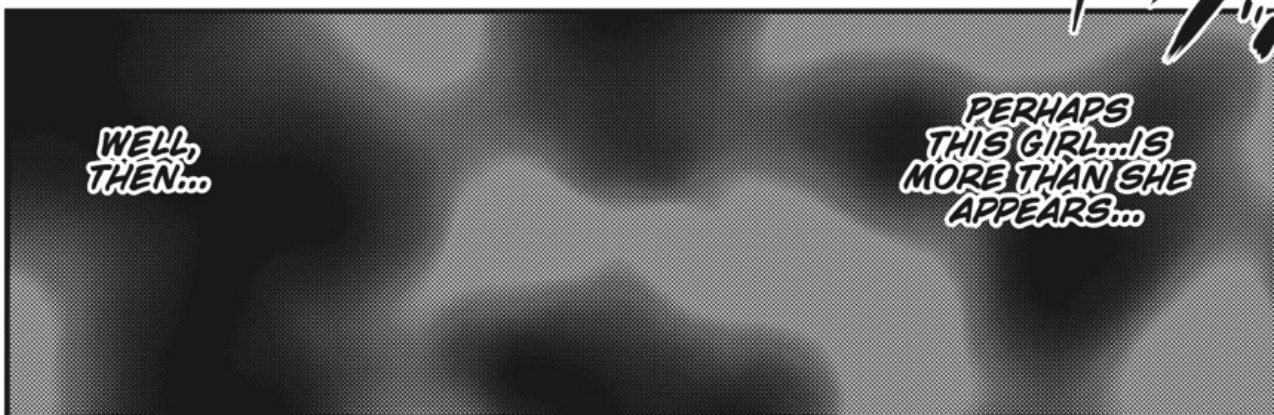
BAKI
BAKI (CRK)

BAN (POUND)
BAN



THIS WILL NOT END WELL FOR YOU!
I'LL POUND A NAIL STRAIGHT THROUGH YOU, IN YOUR ASS AND OUT YOUR MOUTH!
NO... I WON'T KILL YOU.
I'LL CHOP OFF YOUR LIMBS AND KEEP YOU AS A PET!
IS THIS HER DOING ...!?
BREAK YOUR FINGERS ONE BY ONE!
BURN YOUR PRETTY FACE!
TURN YOU INTO A LUMP OF MEAT AND LEAVE YOU TO BEAR MY BROOD!

BAKU (CRRRK)


WELL, THEN...
PERHAPS THIS GIRL...IS MORE THAN SHE APPEARS...

WE SHALL... CHANGE... OUR WAYS...

I... RRY...

W...E WERE...

... WR—

WRONG ...

...GO... BACK...

...TO THE WOODS...

LIVE A... QUIET LIFE...

THE ONES WHO THINK THEMSELVES STRONG ALWAYS DO...

ESPECIALLY WOMEN.

SHE'LL FORGIVE ME...!!

I AM... S... ORRY...

COME ON, FORGIVE ME...

DO IT...!!

FORGI—
ZO (CHILL)
AS IF WE WOULD SHOW YOU MERCY.
ZOKU (SHUDDER)

GU (THK)
A LORD? RIDICULOUS.
YOU'RE A GOBLIN.
JUST A FILTHY...
GU
GU
GU
...STINKING GOBLIN.

GURUN (ROLL)
AND I.....
...AM GOBLIN SLAYER...

GOBLIN SLAYER!
THAT'S...
...ONE GOBLIN HEAD...
GAKUN (THUMP)
ガクン
I HAVE TO WORK CAREFULLY ...
HE'S LOSING BLOOD...
THE WOUND IN HIS ARM IS DEEP...
.....I'M SORRY ...
MINOR HEAL.
O EARTH MOTHER, ABOUNDING IN MERCY...
...LAY YOUR REVERED HAND UPON THIS CHILD'S WOUNDS.

YOU KEEP THE LORD FROM MOVING USING PROTECTION.
I WILL BE THE BAIT.

USE THREE TO MAKE SURE HE CAN'T BUDGE.
BUILD A CAGE USING TWO PROTECTION SPELLS.
NO.

GOBLIN SLAYER!
...I DON'T THINK ...
... FOOLISH THINGS.
...BY DOING ...
... I CAN WIN...

I HELD BACK ONE OF THE SPELLS YOU ASKED FOR...

...YOU DID. AND IT SAVED ME.
PLEASE..... DON'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH...

IS THAT SO...?
THEN...
...YOU... SHOULD BE...!
BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL ...!

...GEEZ ...

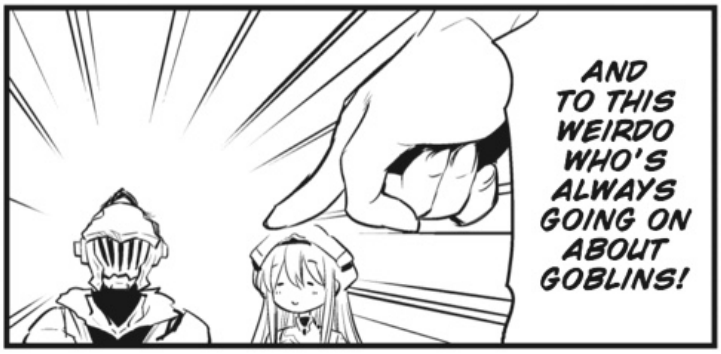
I... CAN'T BELIEVE .....!

I'M SORRY.

IT'S BECAUSE ...
...I TRUSTED YOU.

YOU...
...ARE ABSOLUTELY HOPELESS...

TO OUR VICTORY!



ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?

YOU'RE TELLING ME HIS BOUNTY'S THE SAME AS EVERY OTHER GOBLIN!?

THIS WAS A CHAM-PION!

NOPE. ♪

THE REWARD WE'RE GIVING OUT IS ALREADY SPECIAL, TECHNICALLY. ♪

A-ANY CHANCE OF A SPECIAL REWARD ...?

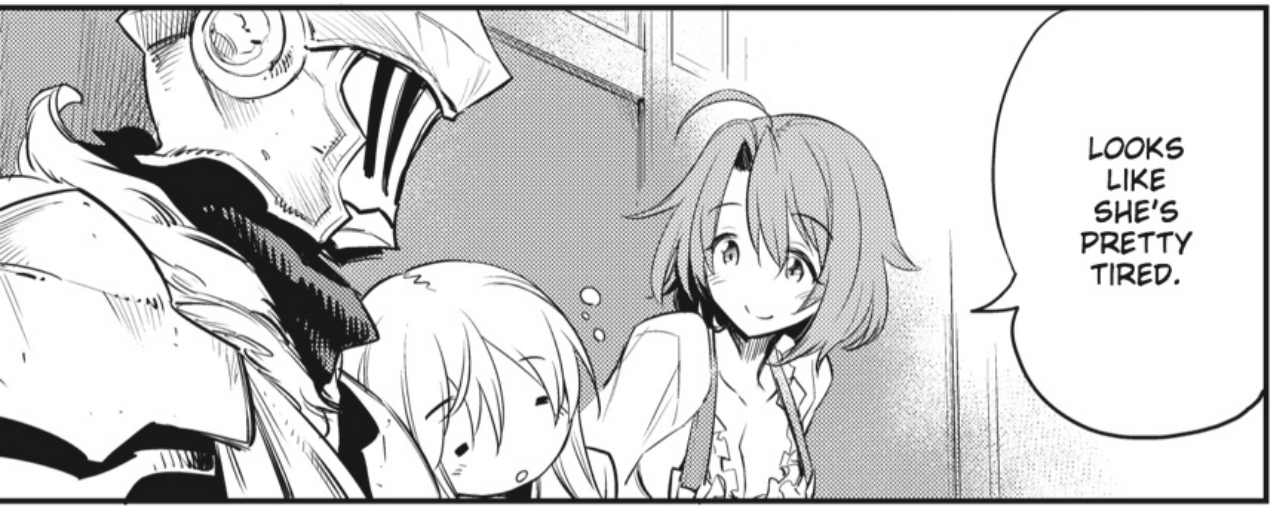
GRRRRR...

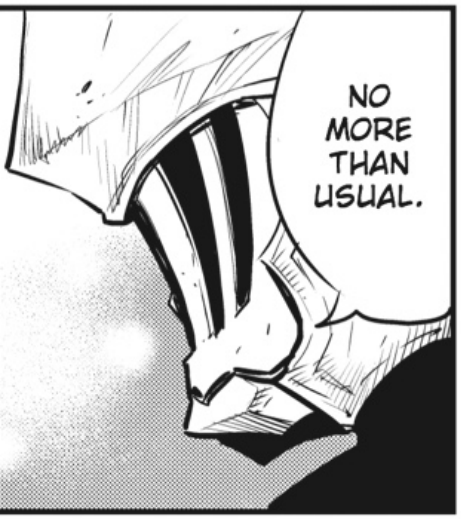
THE QUEST WAS "ONE GOLD PIECE PER GOBLIN HEAD."

UH-HUH!

AND THE LORD THAT GOBLIN SLAYER KILLED WAS ONLY WORTH ONE COIN TOO...

SUYAAA (SNOOZE)
すやあぁ…

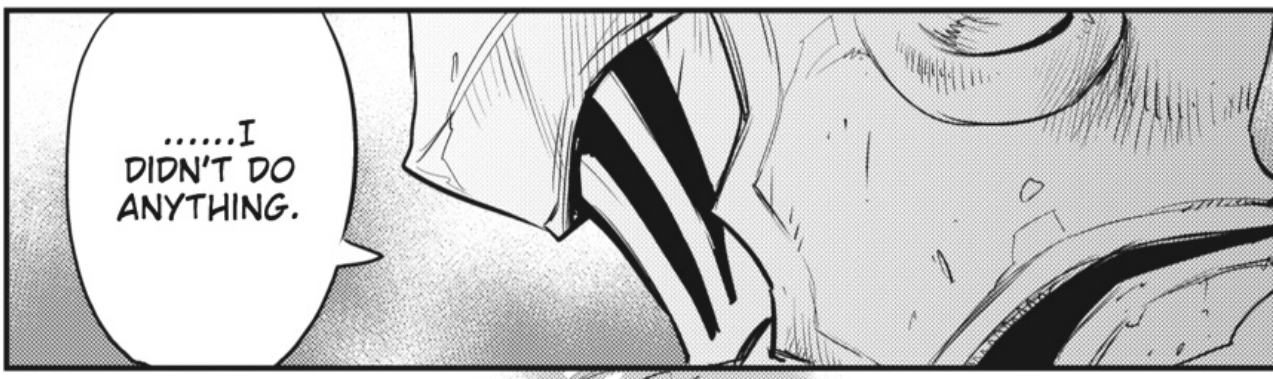

LOOKS LIKE SHE'S PRETTY TIRED.


NO MORE THAN USUAL.

SUPYO (SNRK)
すぴぴ
すぴぴ
SUPYO
DON'T OVERWORK HER, OKAY? SHE'S JUST A CHILD.
OF COURSE.

OH YEAH …?

NO.
ANYTHING HAPPEN WITH YOU TWO?
HMM.
AREN'T YOU SWEET.



.....I'M STILL...

...THINGS HAVE BECOME A LITTLE CLEARER.

I PROBABLY ...

...WANT TO BECOME AN ADVENTURER.

I THINK.

NEAT!

YOU CAN DO IT. I'M SURE YOU CAN.

MMM ...

MWAH ...?

YOU THINK?

NO, I KNOW.

WHA—!?

!?

DID I FALL ASLEEP !?

AH HA HA!

YOU TRIED YOUR BEST.

HUH? AWW...

I'M SORRY...

I BOUGHT A DRINK, AS AGREED.
OH...
BUT... DON'T YOU NEED THIS MONEY?
EVERY-ONE'S REWARDS ...
IT'S FINE.
WELL, I HAVE MORE PEOPLE TO THANK. SEE YA!
HUH?
A COIN ...?
THE LORD WAS YOUR WORK.
UM... WHY...?
MY ...?
UM!
...YOU PROMISED TO PAY THE REWARD YOURSELF. YOU ASKED FOR HELP.
WHY?
YOU COULD HAVE POSTED A QUEST.
BUT INSTEAD ...

NO ONE CAME FOR MY VILLAGE.
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE THE SAME THIS TIME.
I HAD NO GUARANTEES.
I TRUSTED TO LUCK.
SIMPLE.
I'M A "WEIRDO," YOU SEE.
THAT'S —
—NOT TRUE!
IF YOU ASK ME TO HELP YOU, I'LL ALWAYS SAY YES.

AND I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE.
I THINK ALL THE ADVENTURERS IN THIS TOWN WOULD SAY THE SAME.
NEXT TIME...
...AND THE TIME AFTER THAT...
IF YOU ASK US FOR HELP...
...
WE'LL BE THERE.
SO ...!
IT ISN'T A MATTER OF LUCK.
NOT ONE BIT.

YES!
IS THAT SO?
.....!
CAN I...ASK FOR A REWARD TOO?
WHAT ?
PLEASE... TAKE OFF YOUR HELMET?
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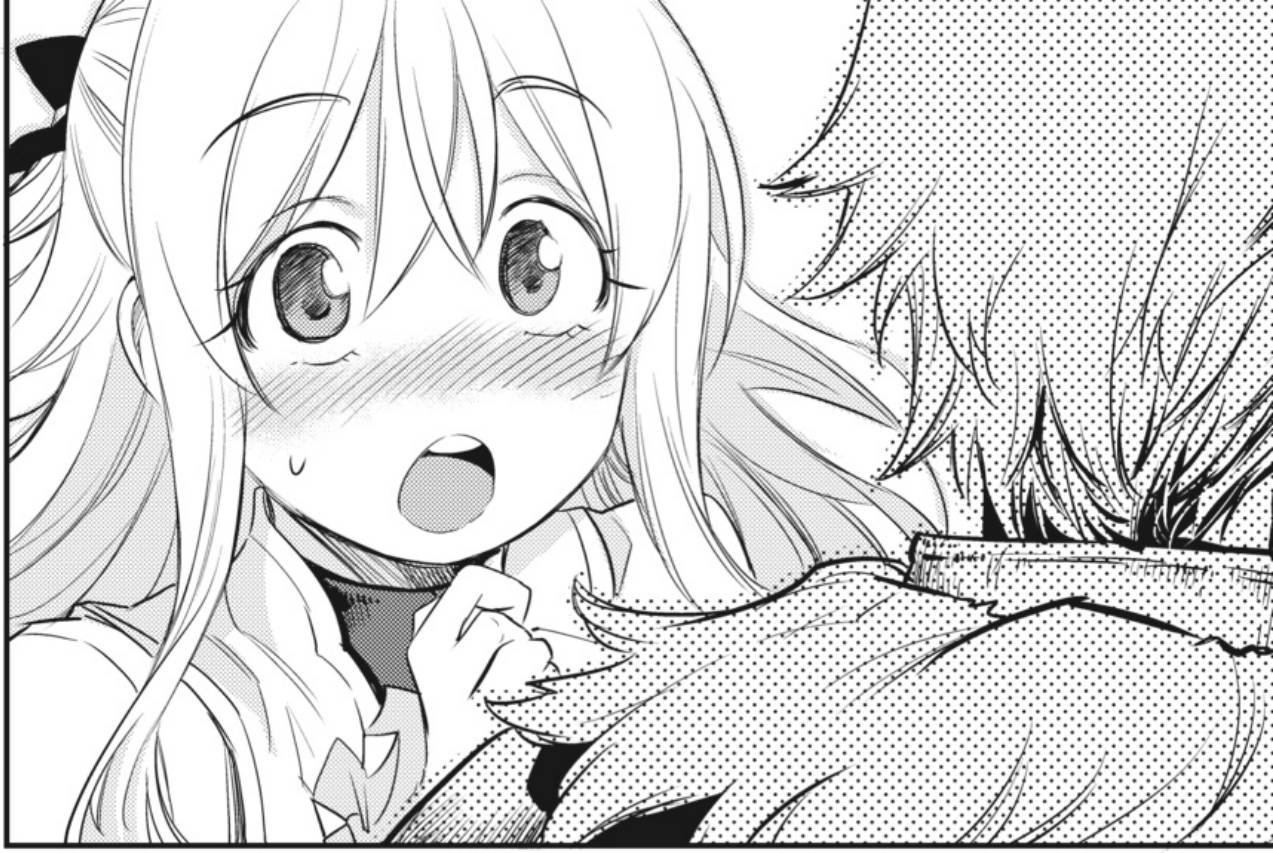
KACHA CLICK



IS THAT SO?

I THINK YOU LOOK A LOT COOLER THIS WAY!

WHOA!!

ORCBOLG TOOK OFF HIS HELMET —!!
HUH !?
HE DID WHAT ...!?
WH-WHA—!? THIS IS HUGE! ISN'T IT SWEET?
FLI (FWIP)
HUH? OH... I GUESS...
WOW!
HUH? HE'S HUMAN ...?
AH... THE COUNTE-NANCE OF A WARRIOR.
HEY! IT'S GOBLIN SLAYER'S FACE!
MM! FINE FEATURES YOU HAVE!

HE LOOKS KINDA FAMILIAR, THOUGH ...

I DON'T LIKE HIS LOOKS!

NO?

... THOUGHT.

...HANDSOME, AS I...

RATHER ...

HEH HEH.

HEY! BRING OUT THAT BETTING POOL!

LEMME SEE!

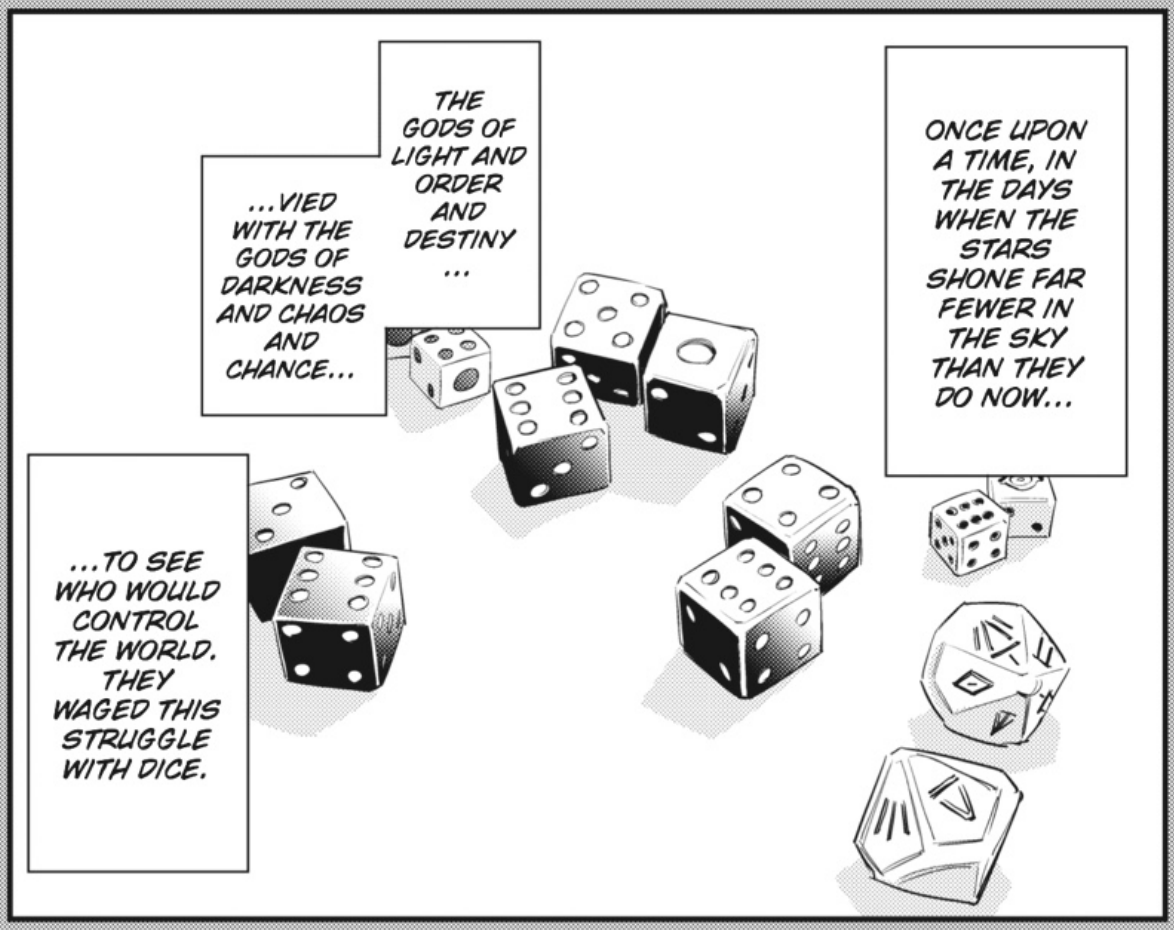
AWWW... I BET BIG HE WAS A WOMAN...

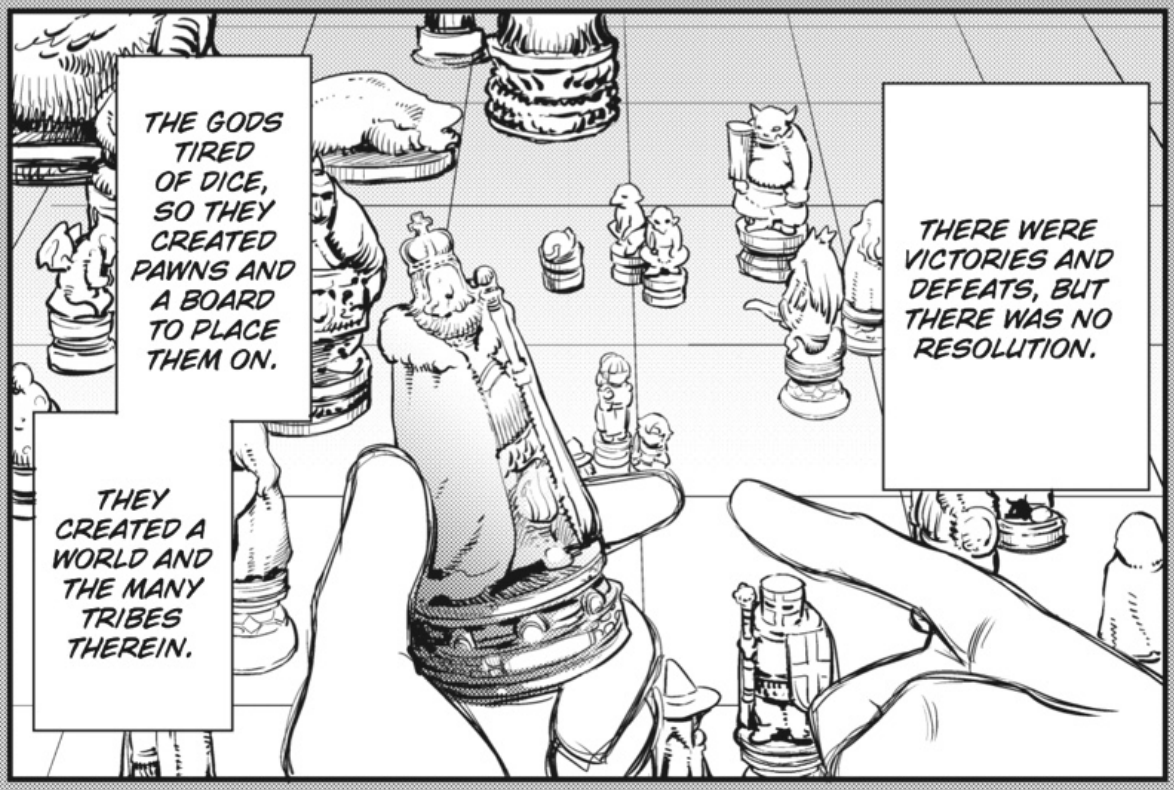
...I SEE.

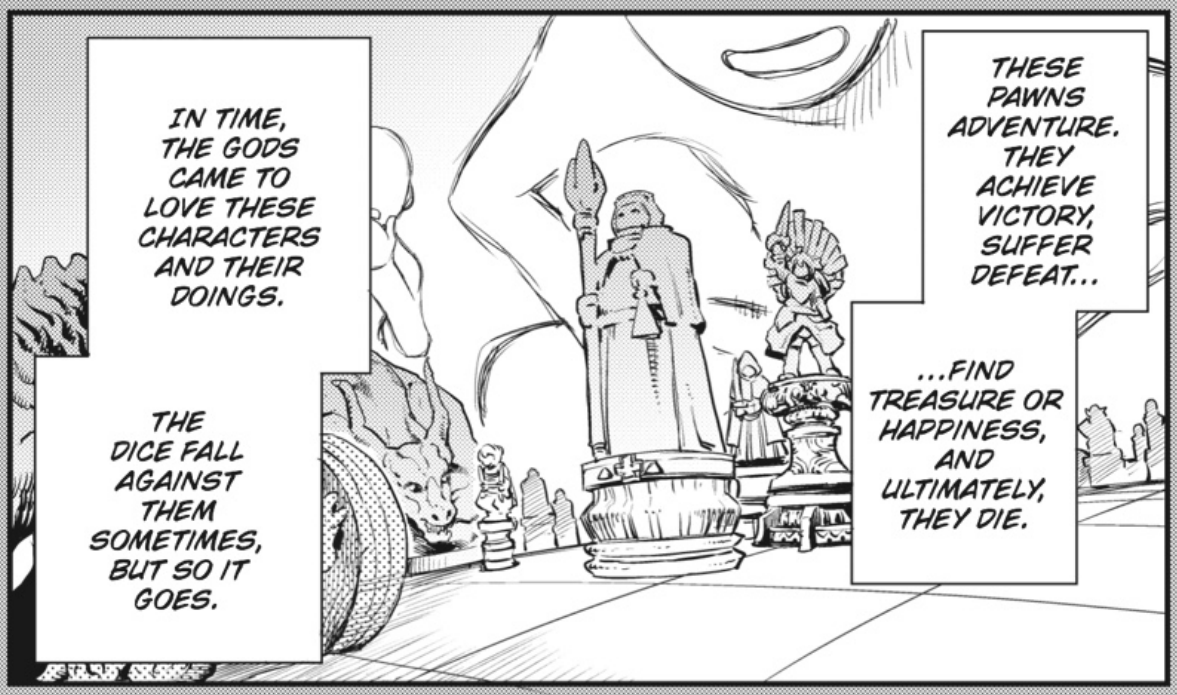
NOT ONE BIT.

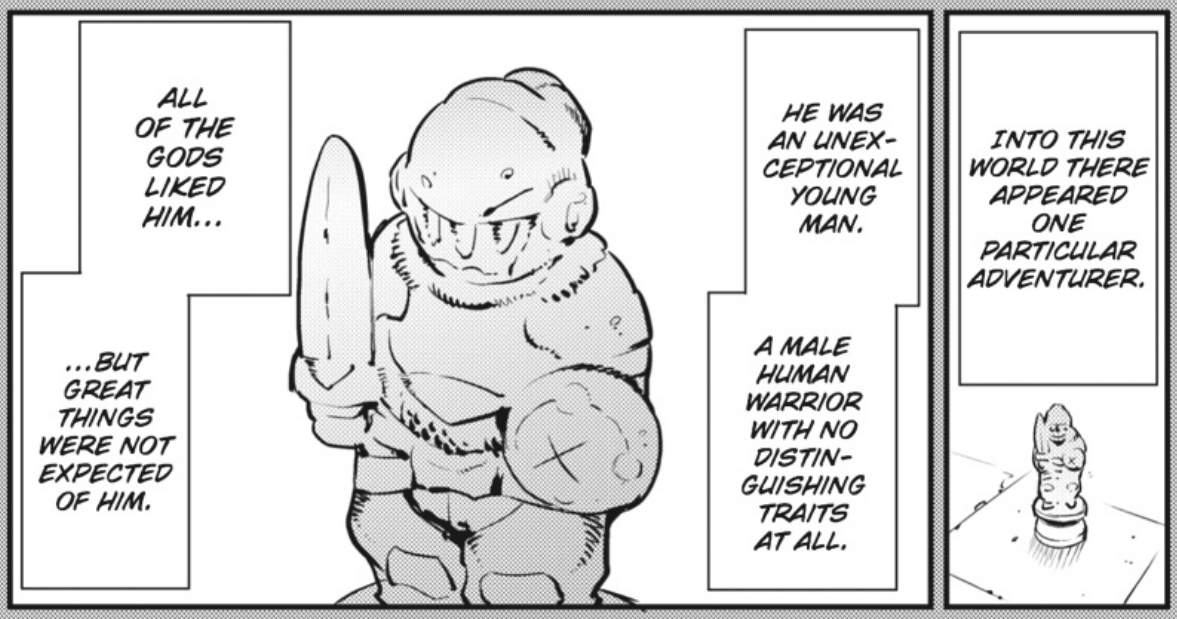
IT'S NOT A MATTER OF LUCK.

I HOPE THAT'S TRUE.


ONCE UPON A TIME, IN THE DAYS WHEN THE STARS SHONE FAR FEWER IN THE SKY THAN THEY DO NOW...
THE GODS OF LIGHT AND ORDER AND DESTINY ...
...VIED WITH THE GODS OF DARKNESS AND CHAOS AND CHANCE...
...TO SEE WHO WOULD CONTROL THE WORLD. THEY WAGED THIS STRUGGLE WITH DICE.


THE GODS TIRED OF DICE, SO THEY CREATED PAWNS AND A BOARD TO PLACE THEM ON.
THERE WERE VICTORIES AND DEFEATS, BUT THERE WAS NO RESOLUTION.
THEY CREATED A WORLD AND THE MANY TRIBES THEREIN.


IN TIME, THE GODS CAME TO LOVE THESE CHARACTERS AND THEIR DOINGS.
THE DICE FALL AGAINST THEM SOMETIMES, BUT SO IT GOES.
THESE PAWNS ADVENTURE. THEY ACHIEVE VICTORY, SUFFER DEFEAT...
...FIND TREASURE OR HAPPINESS, AND ULTIMATELY, THEY DIE.


ALL OF THE GODS LIKED HIM...
...BUT GREAT THINGS WERE NOT EXPECTED OF HIM.
HE WAS AN UNEX-CEPTIONAL YOUNG MAN.
A MALE HUMAN WARRIOR WITH NO DISTIN-GUISHING TRAITS AT ALL.
INTO THIS WORLD THERE APPEARED ONE PARTICULAR ADVENTURER.

BUT THIS ADVENTURER WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS.

BUT...

...EVEN SO, HE DID NOT LET THE GODS ROLL THE DICE. HENCE, EVEN THE GODS DID NOT KNOW HOW HIS ADVENTURES WOULD END.

HE DID NOT LET THE GODS ROLL THE DICE.

KON (TONK)

HE WAS ALWAYS THINKING, STRATEGIZING, AND ACTING.

HE WAS NOT HIGHBORN, NOT ESPECIALLY CAPABLE. NEITHER DID HE HAVE ANY "CHEATING" POWERS.

THIS RATHER SURPRISED THE GODS.

HE WAS JUST ANOTHER PAWN.

HE WOULD NOT SAVE THE WORLD. HE MIGHT NOT EVEN CHANGE ANYTHING.

...EVEN NOW.
GOBLIN SLAYER 3 THE END

HIS FIGHT GOES ON SOMEWHERE ...

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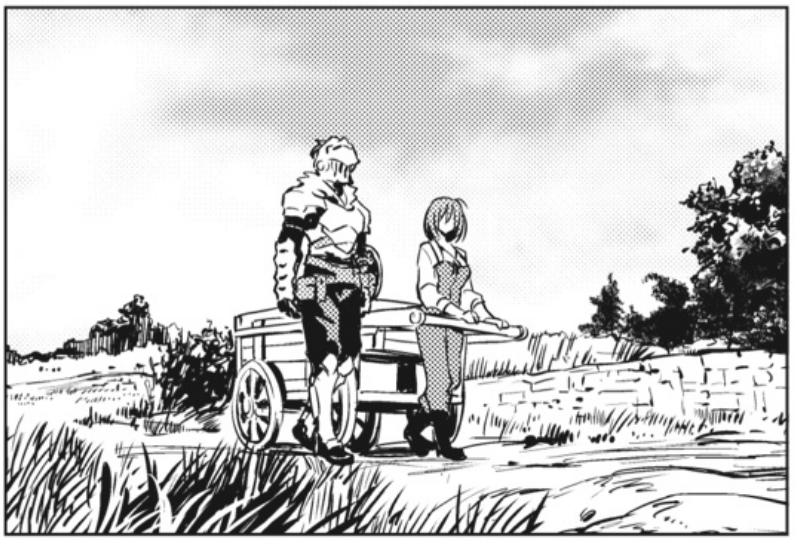
GOBLIN SLAYER



"Y-your arm's hurt! Aren't you tired?"

"I can get you back home."

Home.

Cow Girl felt a smile creep over her lips at the word.

Morning had come, and she was walking with him, being carried by him, back home.

Much had happened, and much surely would happen in the future, but...

That's fine.

It was okay. Of course it was. He had cared for her so often. What was one more act of kindness?

"All right!" Cow Girl exclaimed, throwing her arms around his neck, cuddling up and hanging off him.

I hope I'm not too heavy.

The thought brought a smile to her face, but somehow she didn't quite feel like asking aloud. She closed her eyes instead.

Her body swayed gently in time to his stride. The leather armor was cold, yet she felt warm.

She gave herself over to the feeling, melted into it.

In the distance, the rooster crowed again, summoning forth a new day.

"What's wrong?" he asked suddenly.

"Hmm? Nothing," she said, shaking her head. "It's nothing, really."

"Is that so?"

"It is."

"...I see."

They passed through the gate out of town. A white mist floated on the ground, catching the morning sun.

She knew her eyes were open, and yet she felt like she was in a dream; suddenly she realized her eyelids were drooping.

When he saw Cow Girl stifling a yawn, he said, "Are you sleepy?"

"Hmm? Just...a little. I didn't sleep much last night...or the night before..."

"That's true." *It's understandable.*

It was the slightest of mutters, but it made Cow Girl happy.

She rubbed her eyes and blinked; she walked along murmuring half words.

Suddenly she seemed to be on some kind of incline. She was taken by the sensation that she was floating.

"Hmmah?" she grunted as something solid pressed against her chest.

She felt so tall. A red tassel on a steel helmet stared her in the face, fluttering in the wind.

Her arms were supported by solid shoulders, her legs riding on a rough, gloved hand.

Is he carrying me?

"Er, ah, i-it's okay. Put me down. I can walk."

"No."

His words were few, and she couldn't see his face, but she knew what he was saying.

"That's good."

"Yes."

"I'll have to thank them the next time I see them."

"Uh-huh."

He had wanted to be an adventurer. She was the first one he'd told about that dream, when they were young. He was forever swinging a stick around, dashing about the village until he had to go home at dusk.

Had his older sister known that?

She must have.

She had been very smart, after all, and very beautiful. Now when Cow Girl closed her eyes, she found the girl's image indistinct; like her own parents, she could no longer picture her clearly. But even so, she remembered someone kind, and smart, and lovely; a wonderful human being.

Maybe that's why he didn't do it.

Didn't become an adventurer.

There was the fact that he was still a child, of course, but perhaps he had known better than to abandon an older sister like that.

And so, if nothing had happened, she was sure—sure that they would never have walked down the street together like this.

I wonder where we would be instead.

Cow Girl's mind worked, but she didn't know. She couldn't imagine it.

There was no "if" on the dice rolled by Fate and Chance.

no one around.

Spring was over and summer would soon be upon them, but the air was still pleasantly cool. Cow Girl, enjoying the brush of the breeze on her cheek, glanced over at him.

"What are you going to do now?"

"I would like to think the goblins will lay low for a while, but I could not hope for so much."

So nothing was going to change.

And yet, Cow Girl felt that was a very precious thing. In a world of constant tumult, things that didn't change shone like jewels.

With that in mind, she put one foot in front of the other. Beside her, he walked along slowly.

"But today you have to rest when we get home."

"Yes, that's true."

"Sure is. If you don't, you might get hurt again." She giggled, but she was very serious. He only muttered, "Hrm," and fell silent once more.

It all seemed unimaginable to her. She had never seen him surrounded by so many people. Back in the village, there hadn't been too many children their age, and of course, after what happened...

Above all, she was amazed to discover that so many people roused themselves on his behalf. For some reason, she hadn't believed such a thing was possible.

"Your party is full of good people, isn't it?"

"Yes," he replied shortly, but then he said quietly, "I expect we will go adventuring again."

"Oh yeah?" Cow Girl nodded. She understood.

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Interlude:
After the End and Before the Beginning – by Kumo Kagyu

Cow Girl squinted at the bright, clear light as it came up over the far horizon. She could hear the farm's rooster crowing in the distance. The town would be busy soon.

"Yikes. It's morning already..."

Maybe it was the excitement, or maybe the wine, but though her head was clear, her legs felt floaty and unreliable.

It was the first time in her life she had spent all night partying at the tavern in the town. Maybe that contributed to her sense of drifting along, but whatever the case, she couldn't help but smile.

"Hey," she said, spinning around. He was there, some distance behind her.

He was wearing his armor, as always. His footsteps were heavier and slower than usual. Normally he followed her at a quick clip, but today it was just the opposite.

Cow Girl darted back over to walk alongside him. She chuckled.

"What is it?"

"Gee, what could it be?" she answered. "I'm just... happy, I guess?"

"Is that so?"

"Uh-huh."

The dawn-mantled town lay silent. Other than a few drunken adventurers sleeping it off in the street, there was

GOBSLAY-SAN
WISH ME LUCK.
GOOD LUCK.
GOT THAT NEW KIT IN FOR YOU.
SUPER-RARE WEAPON! GET!!
HACK & SLASH!!
BAAAAAN (TA-DAAAA)
ばぁぁぁーん
HERE, TRY IT ON.
DID HE SHRINK ...?
COME AGAIN!
THANKS.
KYU (TUG)
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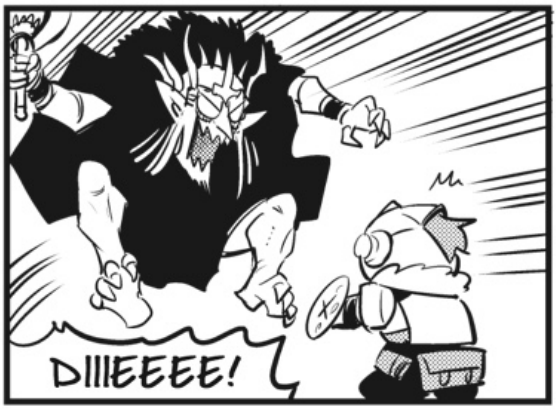
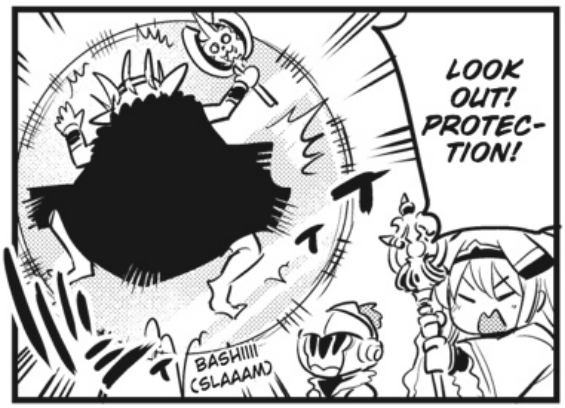
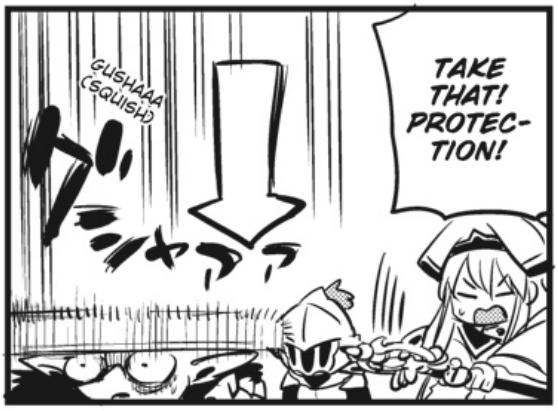
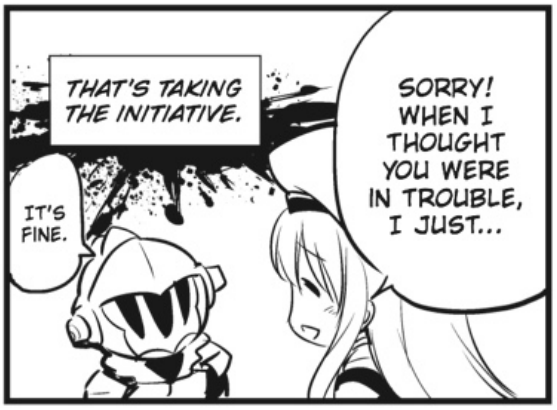
A POWERFUL SKILL









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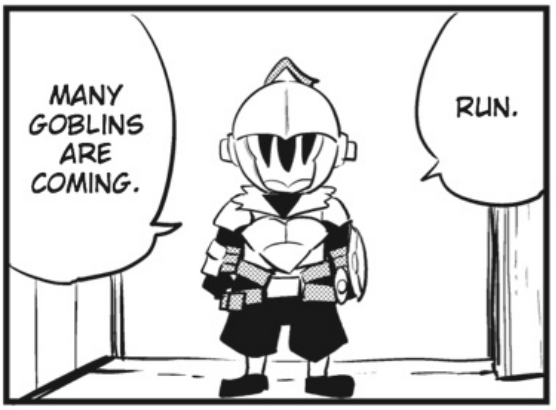

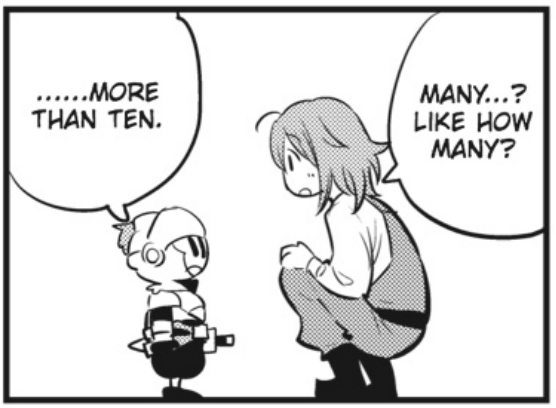

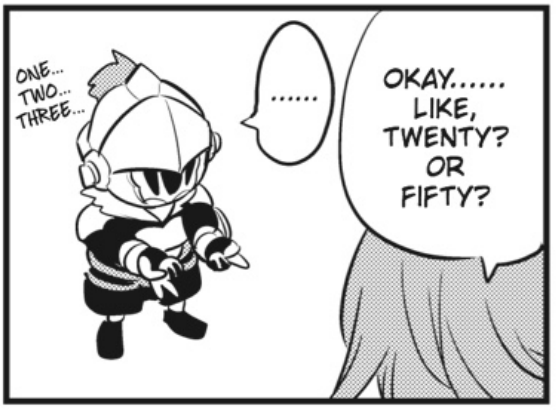

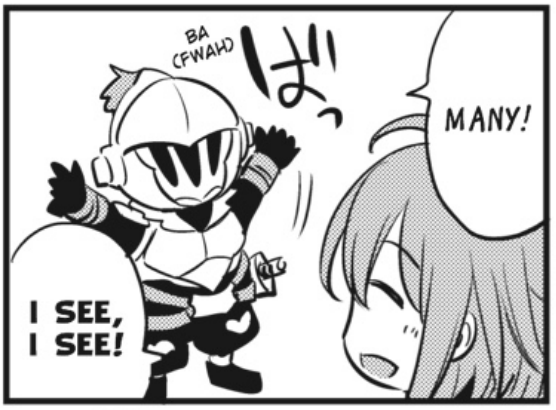

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